

# Funding the Future

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Having [already mentioned](#) this morning that I have returned to Twitter, or X, I could not resist the odd little stir.

I posted this yesterday:



The image is from The Times.

And it seems that Rod Stewart really did say that. The [i's report of the interview](#) notes that:

*Rod Stewart has come out in support of Reform UK, urging his followers to give the right-wing party's leader, Nigel Farage, "a chance".*

*Stewart, 80, made the statement after he was asked about the current political climate*

*in the UK.*

*Speaking to The Times, Stewart admitted: "It's hard for me because I'm extremely wealthy, and I deserve to be, so a lot of it doesn't really touch me. But that doesn't mean I'm out of touch.*

I had a number of thoughts.

First, what I said about Maggie May was true, and that it's over is as true. I don't listen to those who support fascists. Rod Stewart is off my Glastonbury playlist, unless it is to see whether he is booed or not, as I rather hope he will be.

Nor do I like people who boast that they're extremely wealthy and that they deserve to be. He's wealthy for four reasons. He was in the right place at the right time. He was very lucky. The law of copyright exists to reinforce the wealth of those who have been exceptionally lucky, and pretty much works to deny opportunity to others. And he has not been taxed enough. If he were really in touch, he would know how exceptionally hard it is now for younger artists to make a living, let alone get wealthy. But he very obviously does not.

And he is not in touch, politically.

If he were, he would know that Scotland, to which he claims loyalty, does not want to be a part of the UK. Opinion polls persistently show that now.

If he really knew anything about Celtic FC, which he claims to love, he would know all about the anti-Irish and anti-Catholic racism that so many who have supported that club have suffered from, all of it promoted by Unionists who support the imperialist view that they are second-class citizens, which is consistent with the Reform world view of economic migrants.

And he would be aware enough to know that those who in Rod's youth put up with and even supported the 'No blacks, no dogs, no Irish' signs are now those who support Farage and his ideology that is now dependent on creating division based on skin colour and methods of arrival, but which not so long ago was anti-Irish more than anything else.

So, he's in touch with the fact that politics is not working, not least because it is rigged to ensure that he remains wealthy whilst ensuring as little as possible of his fortune is taxed to the extent that it should be, but to suggest that the answer is Farage shows just how out of touch he really is.

Promoting division, hatred, and the destruction of the public goods that the state once supplied in the UK is not an answer to anything, unless you think you are extremely wealthy and worth it, of course.

I used the odd expletive to describe Sir Rod Stewart (knighted, it would now seem, for services to the promotion of prejudice within the status quo) yesterday. None are polite enough to repeat here.