

## Reform don't believe in climate change

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I have already commented on Reform's desire to [return to the gold standard](#) this weekend. Now I note another of their core beliefs has caught attention. [Left Foot Forward has noted](#):

*Reform UK mayor of Greater Lincolnshire, Andrea Jenkyns, admitted on Times Radio last night that she doesn't believe in climate change.*

They added:

*Asked by Times journalist Kait Borsey how Reform UK would pay for its £50 billion a year policies, including increasing the personal tax allowance to £20,000 and scrapping the two child limit on benefit payments.*

*Jenkyns responded that the party will "completely stop net zero", stating that scrapping net zero subsidies would save "a massive amount" of money.*

*Borsey asked: "But then how do you tackle climate change? And do you believe climate change exists?"*

*The former Tory MP, who lost her seat at the 2024 election, said: "Do I believe climate change exists? No."*

I think that is useful. The facade of Farage is slipping. The reality is increasingly being seen.

Now, I don't deny that there are plenty of people in the UK who seem all too keen to deny that there is either climate change or that it is human-made. I meet too many who deny both to think otherwise. I also know that they usually face derision these days when saying so. The evidence that they are wrong is too overwhelming for it to be otherwise.

And now we have direct confirmation that Andrew Jenkins is in the deniable camp. That helps in one way. Knowing what your opponent really thinks always helps, especially

when it proves their stupidity. It becomes all the easier to make clear how unwise voting for them might be.

But, and I stress it, that will still leave at least 25% of the UK who will be willing to do so. And that's why electoral reform is now essential; firstly, so that they are represented, because I think that's important, however absurd what they have to say might be, and secondly, so that the sane are represented, which under our current first-past-the-post system may not be the case.