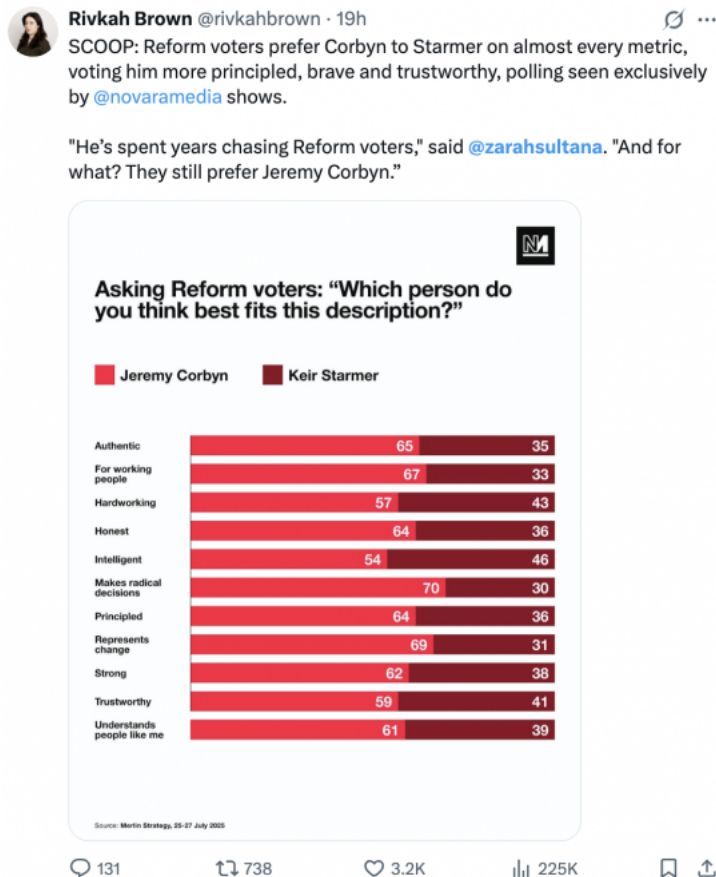


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What should the left be doing?

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This is [from a Tweet](#) issued yesterday by Novara Media, referring to the new party (whatever it might yet be called) being launched by Zarah Sultana and Jeremy Corbyn:



I am not surprised by the results. There is simply no comparison to be made between Corbyn and Starmer on these issues. What is amazing is that Starmer got any support at all. Jeremy Corbyn behaves like a human being. Keir Starmer does not.

But let's also be clear, there is no party as yet.

There are no members. There are only, in the main, costless expressions of support.

And there is no clear plan right now, alongside a desire to enter a left of centre space in which others already exist, with few having much electoral success at present, and with the Greens the most likely to have their noses put of joint by this new party in England, whilst pro-independence parties might be in Wales and Scotland.

I am not joining anyone. I am not seeking office anywhere. I will advise anyone who asks my opinion, so long as they are not racists (which has cut out considerably more potential requests of late than ever it used to). I am simply concerned that viable ideas for what the left might do are used to best effect. Plausibility is key to me.

So, what should this new party do? Should it strike out on its own, or should it, from the start, seek to form a grand coalition on the left, with different groups being respected where they already have a significant presence, and with differences being respected and tolerated, and even encouraged so that the best ideas might emerge?

This seemed like the moment for a poll:

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