

Having power and failing to tell the truth

<https://www.taxresearch.org.uk/Blog/2025/08/31/having-power-and-failing-to-tell-the-truth/>

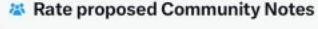
Published: January 12, 2026, 8:14 pm

I posted this on Twitter this morning:

 **Keir Starmer**  @Keir_Starmer · 22h
I am clear: we will not reward illegal entry.

If you cross the Channel unlawfully, you will be detained and sent back.



 [Rate proposed Community Notes](#) 

8.9K  1.2K  4.3K  1.2M   

 **Richard Murphy**  @RichardJMurphy · 1h
This is ridiculous. No one crosses the Channel illegally - and you must know that. They arrive to seek asylum and you can only return them if they do not qualify. You are so keen to pander to Farage you cannot even speak the truth. Pathetic, and fascist enabling by you.

21  134  524  5.2K   

Starmer is enabling fascism through his cowardice and acceptance of Farage's framing.

He has power and will not use it to tell the truth.

That is what failure looks like.