

Let's be clear: Starmer is a racist too

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Starmer tried to look tough by calling Reform's policies racist this week.

I have [already noted](#) their backlash this morning.

But let's also be clear, if Starmer is bandying the word around, then it has to be applied to him and his policies as well. Take this from the Guardian this morning, which I have no doubt is reliably reported just as Labour would wish it to be:

People granted asylum will no longer be given “the golden ticket” of resettlement and family reunion rights, Keir Starmer said, amid deepening concerns from charities that his words are demonising refugees.

As the prime minister prepared to discuss illegal migration with European leaders, No 10 outlined plans to strip successful claimants of the right to automatically invite spouses and children to join them.

The right to permanently settle in the UK will be bestowed upon those who prove to be contributing to society, he said, “not by paying a people-smuggler to cross the Channel in a boat”.

Under current rules, successful asylum seekers have the right to invite family members to join them and settle in the UK.

There was no "golden ticket" in the policy Labour now wants to abandon. There was just the fundamental, long-established right to a family life in UK law, which Starmer now wants to overturn. Doing so is racist in the way he is proposing it.

Also note that in the process of doing this, he is claiming that UK citizens are superhumans and that migrants are subhuman, without the rights that the superhumans have. This, of course, [also makes this a fascist policy](#).

If we must call things as they are, and Starmer seems to think we should, these things need to be pointed out.

Taking further action

If you want to write a letter to your MP on the issues raised in this blog post, there is a ChatGPT prompt to assist you in doing so, with full instructions, [here](#).

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