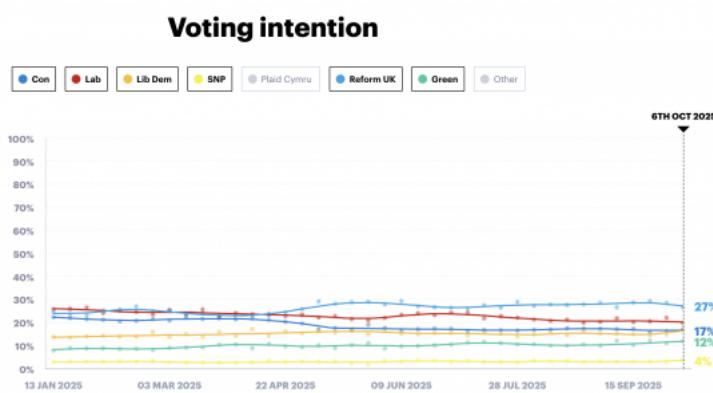


The Tory party is now proposing tyranny

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I struggled with whether to comment on the Conservative Party conference this morning.

I did so partly because of this [YouGov poll](#), which shows the current state of the parties, in their opinion:



The Tories are tied in equal third place with the LibDems on a markedly declining trend. Their relevance appears decidedly questionable. Having been replaced by Labour as the party of the centre-right, they have moved to the far-right, where Farage rules the roost, being best able to deliver the political insanity that this sector of political opinion demands. They appear to have nothing left to offer as a result.

But then there is Robert Jenrick, the man who wants to present himself as the first Tory-Reform coalition minister, because Farage clearly could not handle the accountability of that job. He [said this](#) about lawyers yesterday, to what still styles itself as the Tory party conference:

I've uncovered dozens of judges with ties to open borders charities who take to social media to broadcast their open border views. Who've spent their careers fighting to keep illegal migrants in this country. Some even continue to do so while, astonishingly, serving as judges.

It's like finding out halfway through a football match that the referee is a season ticket holder for the other side. The public rightly ask, how independent are they? They dishonour generations of independent jurists who came before them and undermine the British people's trust in the law itself.

The Lord Chancellor will once again appoint the judges. No more quangos. And they will be instructed to never permit activists of any political hue to don the wig, ever again.

The suggestion is that judges must be free of opinions.

And that judges must not believe in justice.

Or human rights.

And that they must be racist, as Jenrick appears to be, to me.

But what is more, those possessed of the essential attributes of a belief in the rule of law, government accountability, and an open and inquiring mind, plus confidence in the equality of all who appear before them should no longer be permitted to sit as judges, and those who possessed of such traits should now be barred from their posts by politicians laden by hatred of some of their fellow human beings, which characteristic motivates all their actions.

This is, of course, profoundly dangerous.

This is what Trump has been and is doing in the USA.

This is what fascists do.

This is how government accountability to the higher principle of the law, on which democracy is predicated, is eroded and then entirely destroyed.

This is how the principle on which we enjoy our freedom from tyranny is eroded.

This is how tyrants reinforce their claim to power.

Robert Jenrick might be a tin-pot politician at best, but when the Tories have been reduced to a rump of utterly useless, misguided and frankly nasty politicians possessed of not an ounce of ability, charisma or even nous between them, he is what has emerged from the cesspit of their thinking, and so we should take note. The Tory party is now proposing tyranny.

Take note: fascism is advancing,