

Care matters, after all

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The [Guardian noted](#) a new report from [IPPR yesterday](#).

The IPPR report summary is long-winded. The Guardian summary is worth noting in that case and was as follows:

According to the IPPR analysis, a majority of supporters of all big parties besides Reform, including the Conservatives, thought the nation was a civic community defined by shared values, and not an ethnic community defined by shared ancestry.

They then added:

When asked what made a good British citizen, the most popular answers were obeying the law, which was chosen by 64% of those polled, raising children to be kind (62%) and working hard (48%). Just 8% said it involved sticking up for British-born people above other groups, and 3% said it involved having white skin.

I am not sure how this stacks with the data they published on the thinking of Reform voters, but I am relieved by the data.

Finally, there was this:

When asked what would make them proud of the country in a decade's time, people prioritised good public services and quality of life: 69% said a well-functioning NHS, 53% cited affordability and 36% housing. Significantly fewer prioritised reductions in immigration (28%) or ethnic diversity (13%).

Overall, I share this simply because it suggests, as I do in today's video, that people are generally much nicer than commonly shared perceptions suggest, and that is a source of hope, not least when I want to talk about a politics of hope, which looks as though it would resonate much more in this country right now than the narratives that most politicians are promoting, based as most of them are around division and even hate.

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