

Reform: a care home for failed Tories

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In news that will surprise precisely no one, Suella Braverman has defected to Reform, a party her husband had, I think, been a member of for some time.

The real question here is not why Braverman left the Tories, whose right-wing she fell out of a long time ago, but why Farage wants her.

Farage is assembling a care home for ex-Tory ministers who are long past their sell-by date, some of whom are now claiming to be surprised that Britain is broken, whilst denying any responsibility for creating this outcome.

Robert Jenrick, Suella Braverman, Nadhim Zahawi, and Danny Kruger now represent a significant part of Reform's parliamentary representation. How, in that case, Farage can claim that he represents anything new is very hard to imagine. He does, instead, represent the perpetuation of everything about politics that has previously failed. A pile of people without an idea between them, all of whom have held office before, cannot represent the change that this country needs.

The questions are:

- * Will the electorate notice?
- * Who will point this out?
- * When will the Tories give up altogether, and
- * How long is it, at this rate, before the LibDems are the official opposition?