

## What Badenoch and Starmer have in common

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The disconnect between the UK's politicians and ethics is becoming ever clearer.

As John Crace [notes in The Guardian today](#), Kemi Badenoch was in action on the Today programme yesterday and said:

*I don't agree with a foreign policy of meetings and saying nice things to one another.*

As he noted:

*It seems that Badenoch's approach in international diplomacy is to go to war first and to ask questions afterwards.*

Much like Trump, then, she is uncaring to her core.

Meanwhile, [the same paper noted](#):

*The government must find ways to reconnect emotionally with voters, Keir Starmer's chief of staff, Morgan McSweeney, is said to have warned cabinet ministers, in a meeting where the prime minister said they were in "the fight of our lives"*

So, having crushed the spirits of Labour members whilst expelling or repelling many of them, before gloating over having done so, whilst simultaneously destroying hope in the country through its actions, Labour now wants to "reconnect emotionally". I am left wondering what part of the word "trust", which is the foundation of all emotional connection, they might need to have explained to them before there is the slightest chance that this might happen.

One day's observation makes clear just how far from the politics of care those currently, supposedly, running this country are. What neither the Tories nor Labour realise is that if you want to be trusted, care is not an add-on, or simply a desirable extra that the voters might like when it is affordable. What people want are politicians who can show that respect for other people is at the epicentre of their thinking, driving all their

actions, informing their choices and underpinning their planning.

Badenoch and Starmer have this in common: neither has the slightest appreciation that care matters. That is why they need to go.

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