

We are cursed

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This country is cursed. In particular, it is cursed by the University of Oxford.

These are the last six prime ministers and their degrees:

Name Oxford Degree

David Cameron Politics, Philosophy and Economics

Theresa May Geography

Boris Johnson Greats (Greek and Latin)

Liz Truss Politics, Philosophy and Economics

Rishi Sunak Politics, Philosophy and Economics

Keir Starmer Postgraduate Law

And now note this regarding the person Starmer apparently wants to appoint as the new Cabinet Secretary:

Name Oxford Degree

Antonio Romeo Politics, Philosophy and Economics
The curse continues.

What could possibly go wrong?

Downing Street is briefing that Antonio Romeo is a 'disrupter' and that, they say, is what is needed now in the civil service.

Excuse me? Since when did someone who went to an elite public school and Oxford to pursue a stereotypical degree for someone who wants power in a conventional environment, which they have succeeded in securing over decades, become a disrupter?

With respect to all involved, the only thing I see in this pattern is consistency, and the result has been consistent failure.

Forgive me if I have remarkably low hopes of Antonio Romeo. I see no reason to have anything else.