

On corrupt Zionism

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I was a [little distracted yesterday](#) and did not have time to comment on what was going on in Iran and the broader Middle Eastern region.

Let's be clear, I have no love for the Iranian regime. I recognise that its theocratic rule has been deeply oppressive for many.

At the same time, there is not a shadow of doubt that the attacks by Israel and the USA on Iran with the intention of killing its leader, but as a result of which many innocent people have already died, are completely illegal in international law.

There was no requirement in self-defence for either country to act as they did yesterday.

There is no evidence whatsoever that Iran has a nuclear weapons programme capable of being used against Israel. Netanyahu has been claiming its existence since the 1990s. So far, there is no sign that it does.

As a consequence, there is no legal basis for the UK's active support for this illegal war. Yet again, Kier Starmer is committing a war crime.

So why is this happening?

Firstly, Netanyahu needs a war to keep him out of prison. He faces elections this year. He will be on trial if he loses.

Second, Donald Trump needs a war. He is desperate to distract attention from the Epstein files.

Third, Starmer needs a war. Mandelson, Josh Simons, the appointment of wholly inappropriate people to the House of Lords, the Gorton and Denton by-election, and Starmer's resulting claims that the Greens are extremists within the UK, and so much more, mean that he wishes the world would not notice everything that he has got wrong.

What do these three men share in common? A dedication to corrupt Zionism.

Corrupt Zionism supports a government that pursues illegal wars from Israel.

Corrupt Zionism thousands shame the Jewish people, many of whom hate it, meaning that to criticise this form of Zionism is not, in any way, antisemitic.

Corrupt Zionism literally corrupts.

It has corrupted the politics of Israel.

It has corrupted the politics of the Labour Party here in the UK.

As a consequence, it has corrupted the UK's politics as a whole.

It is doing the same in the USA, where Trump is now such a long way from his electoral base, in no small part because of his support for corrupt Zionism.

This far-right, fascist adjacent, genocide pursuing, illegal-war-promoting, toxic form of politics (and do not pretend that it is anything about politics) is undoubtedly the biggest threat to international stability at present.

I am not saying that there aren't other forms of threat.

I am not denying that there are threats from Islamic extremists.

I am not denying that there are other forms of corrupt politics.

What I am saying is the biggest threat we face.

It is bringing politics into disrepute in Israel, the UK and far beyond because this corrupt form of Zionism demands adherence from its followers to a totally false conception of what Israel should be and how it should coexist with its neighbours.

There is only one thing to do with corrupt Zionism now. That is to call it out, and then be rid of its pernicious impact on the British political environment, promoted above all else by the Labour party, but also, because of its alignment on issues such as supposed support for religious family values amongst those who see its supporters as mainly white, amongst other parties of the British right and far right including the Tories and Reform.

These are the extremists that we face.

These are the people who believe that political executions are acceptable.

These are the people who believe that an illegal war can be justified by their fanaticism.

These are the people who believe that the schoolgirls killed in Tehran yesterday are acceptable collateral damage for their ambitions.

These are the people who will make us the targets of Iranian self-defence.

These are the people we need to worry about.

These are the people who are bringing us low.

They do not care.

They do, instead, hate.

Hate has never been the foundation of successful politics. It is, and never can be, the foundation of a successful life. That is why we need to be rid of this toxic politics, and whilst our country is associated with it, we need to hang our heads in shame.