

Starmer: Trump's poodle

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Keir Starmer likes to talk tough about his relationship with the USA, but as is always the case when it comes to his politics, the rhetoric does not match his actions. As the [Financial Times reports](#) this morning;

The UK government has been forced to drop legislation that would ratify its deal to hand sovereignty of the Chagos Islands to Mauritius, after the US withheld its backing for the plan.

UK officials acknowledged on Friday that the legislation had run out of time to proceed to the statute book within the current parliamentary session, which will end later this month.

I see no reason for the UK to have the right to the Chagos Islands. This is a legacy of its colonial past and something wholly inappropriate as a result.

Donald Trump is, of course, dedicated to creating a new colonial present. That is what his actions over Gaza, Iran, and potentially elsewhere (think Cuba) indicate.

Keir Starmer has, as ever in the modern Labour tradition, tried to triangulate this situation and has failed dismally. Now we can clearly see who has the upper hand: it is Donald Trump. Starmer convincingly proves, yet again, that he is both Trump's poodle and an agent for the advance of fascism as a result.