Twitter Thread by ScottishPanda



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Why there was even talk of starving the Irish

But that's ok

Priti only meant it unintentionally

And she was frustrated when she said it

So that's ok

https://t.co/P0ZGYvj9vj

> [thread]
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> The most difficult thing I find is writing the hook into a thread
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> There is a simple word
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> It is called Imagine
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> But first I want to focus on a different topic
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> Nigeriahttps://t.co/bF4zaDguzh
>
> — ScottishPanda (@PandaScottish) November 23, 2020

It's not like the UK talked of invading Spain or Calais

Or was busy trying to incite Irexit, Itexit or the AfD or so other discord in the EU

After all that 50 pence piece

Talks of friendship

So surely we were good friends?

Those liars who had nothing

And knew they had nothing

Well they passed their withdrawal agreement

Knowing they never had any intention of honouring it

https://t.co/BERopxjAWI

> [thread] a simple question
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> What are you prepared to sacrifice for brexit ?
>
> Boris Johnson and his historic wordshttps://t.co/nFkevENjqB
>
> — ScottishPanda (@PandaScottish) October 17, 2019

Oh yes and a reminder

How many Tory MPs are unashamed they passed legislation without forming an opinion on it themselves

https://t.co/26JO8ciYMb

Now at the last

to justify breaking law the lies sown:

signed WA at pace

necessary to stop a foreign power breaking up our country

EU aren't acting in good faith

its only a very specific & limited way

Thatcher said something about that



Imagine having to walk past that statue every day on the way to work

And knowing you are pissing on her memory

As Kent - the garden of England turns into the Farage Garage of England

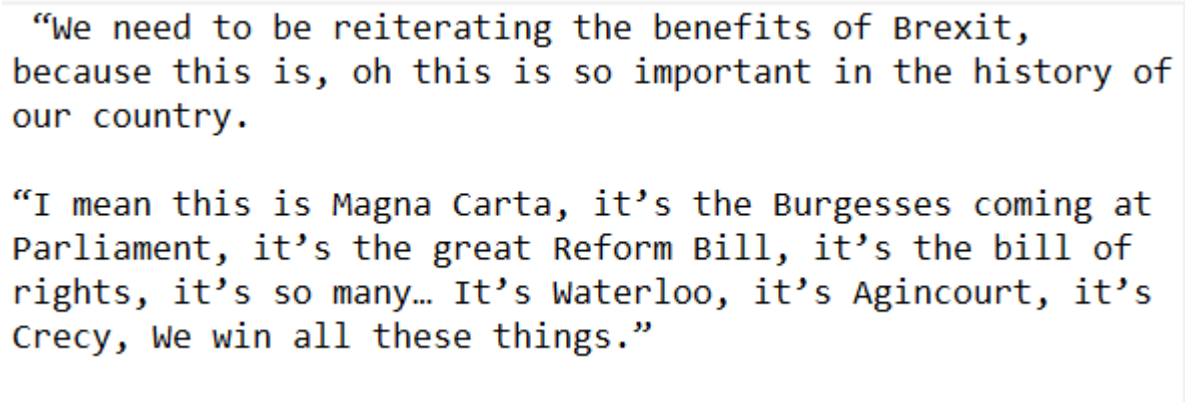
https://t.co/7vfIDRP2L6

As Warrington looks set to do similarly

https://t.co/OnwsYbSm30

Well

So so much winning



Now in Autumn 2020

The hollow confection of lies around the NI border

Was beginning to bite

So to justify breaking the withdrawal agreement

Liars made up a series of bullshit to sell from

A reminder this is the party of Churchill

Where his grandson was expelled from

https://t.co/OlN5jSvm0N

On Sir Nicholas

https://t.co/dlfbaOCFfZ

4th Sept 2019

'it is my most fervent hope that this house will rediscover the spirit of compromise, humility and understanding that will enable us finally to push ahead with the vital work in the interests of the whole country that has inevitably had to be so sadly neglected whilst we have devoted so much time to wrestling with Brexit'

Here is a reminder of John Major on John Smith

Democracy – and concern for our national wellbeing – is not the preserve of any one Party or philosophy. It is our common heritage, fought for by our predecessors.

https://t.co/5e38UZW7yU

So in terms of how you won

I am sorry that leave campaigns felt that they had to cheat, lie, peddle racist xenophobia & so many more shameless actions to win

It is a reflection of your desperation for the win

And that you would countenance anything that aided in that pursuit

The contempt you have for decency, democracy and people who fall for your campaign is endless

And sadly people fell for the lies

"People don't drink the sand because they are thirsty

They drink the sand because they don't know the difference"

https://t.co/5peZf7Cxld

If you groom an electorate with lies and xenophobia for so long

With scapegoating and deflection

With nativism and jingoism

THen don't be surprised when they vote to self-harm themselves

And I say that with regret

Because I respect politicians who hold a view on how we approach any area of policy

Whether that be European policy, foreign policy or national policy

A democracy thrives on different view points

And their debate and discourse

For example

Here is an example of a view on British foreign policy

And my question is - if you do not know who is saying the words

Why does your reaction to the words change dependant upon whom the speaker is

https://t.co/xiYgJ2eg0O

So

I come back to our central point

How you win matters

What you win matters

And I have waited

Some four plus years

I have waited

To see brexit champion what it won

For example Liz Truss

I want her to explain how it will be better



but four plus years on

she can't

she just peddles anything to evade the question

https://t.co/nLFcLmUmS7

> Yesterday in the House, I confronted Liz Truss with her own Department\u2019s report on the question she\u2019s repeatedly refused to answer: what\u2019s the difference, in pounds and pence, between her Japan deal and the EU-Japan deal it replaces? She didn\u2019t look happy. pic.twitter.com/PKuiYYlNnI
>
> — Emily Thornberry (@EmilyThornberry) November 26, 2020

I want her to explain

what made her change her mind that it *will* be better

https://t.co/vx6AUUNREA

> [thread] I am going to do a thread
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> Where I praise Liz Truss
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> She is truly a courageous individual
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> She has changed her mindhttps://t.co/F3ysiIFehq pic.twitter.com/T0qRcMnvKq
>
> — ScottishPanda (@PandaScottish) October 29, 2020

So on "how you win"

M. Thatcher
"The manner of winning is a matter of honour."

To go latin (in honour of Jacob Rees Mogg)

“it's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game”

exitus ■cta probat ("the outcome justifies the deeds")

E. Wiggins (Orson Scott Card)

'The way we win matters.

“I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to

succeed, but I am bound to live up to what light I have.”

Abraham Lincoln

“Give me honorable enemies rather than ambitious ones, and I'll sleep more easily by night.”

George R.R. Martin, A Game of Thrones (A Song of Ice and Fire, #1)

“You should not honor men more than truth.”

■ Plato

“The most tragic thing in the world is a man of genius who is not a man of honor.”

■ George Bernard Shaw

“Our own heart, and not other men's opinions, forms our true honor.”

■ Samuel Taylor Coleridge

“The liar was the hottest to defend his veracity, the coward his courage, the ill-bred his gentlemanliness, and the cad his honor”

■ Margaret Mitchell, Gone with the Wind

“A Man Without Honor
is Worse than Dead.”
■ Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra

Maya Angelou

"When someone shows you who they are, believe them the first time"

There is an adage from a Tom Clancy story

Amidst an attack on stock markets and on America

To recover from a technology disaster they resort to

If you don’t write it down it never happened

To Rewind a stock market to an earlier time point and resume from there

That perhaps is another way to say what Dominic Cummings was trying to say

You can’t write it down

As soon as you write it down

It becomes something opponents can critique

Never mind of course - your own side can’t agree to what to write down

I am sad though

We will never know

Did Dominic Cummings ever find those “reasonable people”?

Who were they?

What did they agree brexit meant?

Hence why “brexit means brexit” from May

Was such a god awful slogan

It just kicked the can down the road

Brexit has only ever been about one thing

Winning

At any price

At any cost

It is therefore no surprise that four years into the hollow con

It is still

All about winning

Winning the continuation of the con

At any price

At any cost

All that matters is that it is sold as a win

What you win / won

The reality of it

Doesn’t matter

It is how it is sold

And that there is always, always someone else to blame or deflect your attention from brexit

See: covid

June 2020



See the origins of the term "Project Fear"

https://t.co/8PLsqHfKew

It is poetically ironic

That those who decried Project Fear

Are eternally afraid

Not for what is best for a nation

But what is best for feeding to their victims as a “win”

There is not a care as to

How do we move on?

After all

If you can sell any lies as a win

Then you can sell any lies as we have already moved on

https://t.co/jYciEkiX9m

Hence why they fear a 2nd referendum

They fear losing

As David Davis put it

A democracy isn't a democracy unless it can change its mind

Or as Dominic Raab and brexit Tory MPs put it

Imagine only wanting a second ref because you lost

And you know what

I would support their right to campaign for a second referendum

I would love to know from Dominic Raab

Which of his colleagues Pre 23/6/16 were with him in that thinking

How many / which of his brexit colleagues were already afraid of losing and wanted a second bite of the apple in 2020

Imagine if "remain" had campaigned for a second referendum simply because we had lost

Can you imagine

So at the end

I end as I started

Congratulations on your win brexiteers

How did you win?

Are you a seller in that win?

Or are you a victim who fell for it?

What did you win?

Pray tell me

What

Because I have not seen a single brexit dividend

Other than some glorious writing from Marina Hyde

And so so many of well those experts

Who pierce the veil of brexit

How do we move on?

Because all I see is a sad amoral rabble of brexit politicians desperately peddling on their con

And others who for self and career doing the same keeping silent as to reality

Hoping for the madness to pass perhaps

That isn’t moving on

That is complicity

It is desperation

Hoping that the first past the post system

And an electorate

Can be gamed

To forget

To blame someone else

See for example

Sajid Javid

Who once said brexit would be a lost decade

We have lost five so far

So on the positive there’s supposedly *only* 5 years left to lose

He deleted his words

All to fit in to a cult

https://t.co/9531Y2vFBE

> [thread]
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> "Year four pupils from the Jaguar and Tiger classes asked the Sajid about his role within the government & shared their ideas about British values."
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> I want to know
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> What values did he espouse?
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> & also
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> "the lost decade of brexit" is no more https://t.co/o2RYN2dz1j
>
> — ScottishPanda (@PandaScottish) December 1, 2020

At the close

I would quote Amber Rudd

https://t.co/7M5vD3Vtfz

Boris Johnson was a totem

At the head of a campaign of amoral cheating lying racist nativist peddling bullshit fantasy cakeism

He was just the totem

Sadly well

He became PM

This was never a battle for brexit

Brexit was just one element

The most important

Was control of a party

https://t.co/p1CGbu1fTx

Everyone knows what he was and is

https://t.co/z9C3TshsZ3

> I have put together a fully referenced thread evidencing Boris Johnson's racism from the 1990s to 2018. https://t.co/adCkLKmG1m
>
> — Snigdha (@snigskitchen) June 21, 2020

M. Thatcher on Macmillan

1963 Jun 22 Finchley Conservative Fair

"The Prime Minister is a man of the highest integrity and honour and should not, therefore, suffer for someone whose standards were not as high as his own."

M. Thatcher

1970 General Election Address

"We want a nation with high standards of integrity, tolerance and personal responsibility."

Jacob Rees Mogg

When asked a simple question on Boris if he has a moral compass

Not where it points

He cannot answer it

It is the how of how he dodges it that is so illuminating

https://t.co/nZFnjLxoUO

> [thread]
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> One simple thread
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> With one simple question
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> Whom do you expect to possess a moral compass?
>
> — ScottishPanda (@PandaScottish) December 1, 2019

Sadly a nation has paid a price for his incompetence

Boris Johnson of course sells this incompetence a “massive success”

Our “win” over covid

Ask a simple question

How and what did you “win” ?

The answer of course: why a Union Jack printed on the vaccine

It's not a joke

He seriously wanted that

Ask why?

How desperate must he be to "want" that

My third question I posed back at the start of this thread

Was how do we move on?

And I don't have an answer to that

A sad rabble of amoral cheating lying racist incompetent charlatans

Did anything they could to win on 23rd June 2016

And having won

They and others who proclaim to be "Conservatives"

Well they chose a path

They continue to choose a path

There is no nadir

No bottom to the barrel

How we move on

I do not know

More importantly ask a more fundamental question

Why do we need to "move on" from brexit

It was sold as a glorious victory

An epoch defining moment in British history

And it was

It was rotten to the core

It is rotten to the core

So instead of moving on

Try living with what is

Ask questions

Always

On austerity

On brexit

On coronavirus

Always question

Because the answer or lack of

Is always revealing

https://t.co/6JMsYzEFOp

> https://t.co/9lrzKPWkIP pic.twitter.com/Nyplnvqvi3
>
> — ScottishPanda (@PandaScottish) December 5, 2020

To end with some other compendium threads I wrote

Featuring Johnny Cash (on country)

Maya Angelou (on words)

Robb Willer on how we debate

Ronald Reagan on the rule of law

And Jacob Rees Mogg (on a moral compass)

https://t.co/fsWoKwt0Lc

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> Robb Willer on empathy & respect
> Ronald Reagan on law
> Jacob Rees Mogg on a moral compasshttps://t.co/pzxDncfyso
>
> — ScottishPanda (@PandaScottish) November 8, 2020

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