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We're Going On A Behr Hunt. A thread about hypocritical Corbynites, their stupidity and their antisemitism.

Yesterday, Guardian journalist Rafael Behr published an extraordinarily compelling piece about having a heart attack at the age of 45. In it he identified a number of

causes, including hereditary disposition, lifestyle and the nature of his job covering UK politics. On the last, he pointed out the age-old stressful nature of political journalism had been exacerbated in the last five years by the divisiveness rendered by Brexit and Corbynism.

Behr is Jewish and so also emphasised the way in which Labour's top-to-bottom antisemitism festival since 2015 had added a particular distress in his, and many other, cases. He explained, with great erudition, how Jewish history leaves us with a reasonably gloomy view

of where institutionalised Jew-baiting in an electorally muscular political party might lead. And why the dark jokes (and yes in normal times they are only that) about keeping suitcases packed and friends with big attics close, sometimes come to not seem that funny.

For Corbynism's most vicious antisemites, the article has been a thought-provoking and chastening moment which they have used to reassess their spite towards Jews hahahahaha no of course it hasn't.

Continuity Corbynism has reacted in its traditional ways, raging that

Behr blamed Jeremy Corbyn personally for his heart attack (he didn't), that he (and other non-Corbynite Jews in general) are the ones responsible for the fear of Corbynite antisemitism (because they're stupid or liars), and that he claimed a Corbyn government mean immediate,

violent persecution of British Jews (he wrote no such thing).

On top of actual laughter and jokes about his condition and wishing he had died.

So this is their reactions to a Jew pointing out that, cued up by its leadership, a movement which took over a ten-times party

of

government, while bringing antisemitic principles and antisemites (including actual neo-Nazis) into the mainstream from the fringes, might cause a lot of discomfort and re-thinking in the Jewish community.

So stupid are they, they manage to prove Behr right in their poor but vitriolic dismissal of him.

One of the most deranged even took a moment to assert how he had reported the journalist to the police for reporting on Labour's antisemtism problem during the 2019 election.

What could possibly make a Jew more relaxed about your antisemitism than joyfully describing the file you've passed to the police about their articles on it?

The Wrong'un Left is extremely fond of Michael Rosen's poem "I sometimes fear" about how fascism creeps, insinuates and

tricks its way into a political bloodstream. Almost by accident. Jewish fears about antisemitism's consequences don't begin with hearing mobs outside our windows or seeing the cattle trucks. It begins when those who claim to be paragons of morality and tolerance start "othering"

us and placing us outside the "community of the good":
https://t.co/CysR2zRxGP

One of the most popular responses to Behr yesterday was a tweet by a Labour councillor appealing to the crowd to reject his claims because it was ignorant of Tory policies and of the position of "working people". Nudge-nudge, wink-wink. See what he did there? Antisemitism either

doesn't matter or is a price worth paying for such people. And those who raise it are hostile to the interests of those who really matter. In fact, not just hostile - but the reason for your problems. "They" are not "us" and never could be. "You" could have had your rail

nationalisation, Green New Deal, higher wages, better housing, schools and hospitals; if it weren't for "them".

And all said with a smile.

Well, OK. You keep smiling at us. But if your politics can't take effect without Jews copping collateral damage, the least you can also do is shut up about us. We are none of your business anymore.