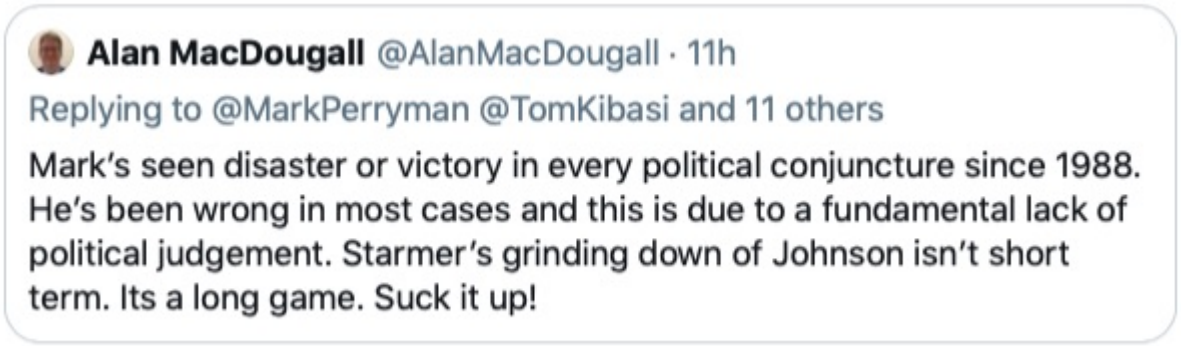
Twitter Thread by Mark Perryman



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Hi @AlanMacDougall by way of a reply thread follows 'cos I think you've confused me with near namesake Kram Namyrrep crazed ultra Leftist and hard left sectarian?

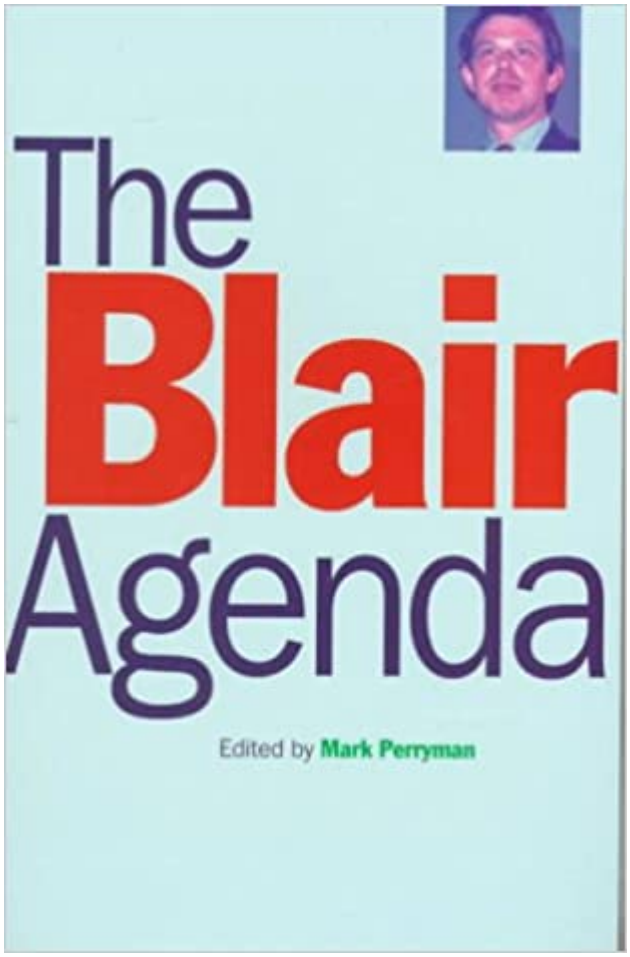


With opposition not offering any opposition whatsoever, it has exempted government from any serious scrutiny.' Not me but @TomKibasi according to @Gabriel_Pogrund and @patrickkmaguire 's Left Out pp235,237,238 key Starmer leadership campaign adviser. Not noteworthy? 1/11

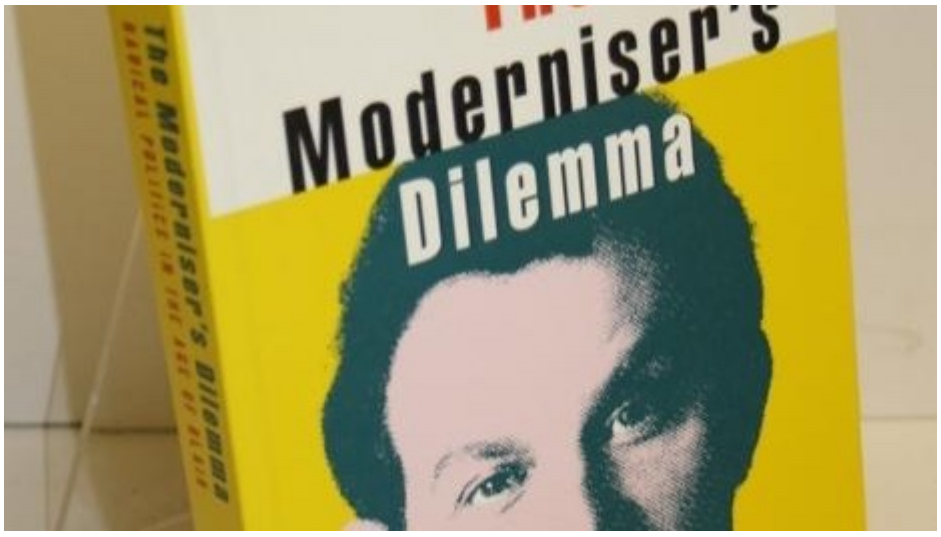
1988 odd year to choose for when I started getting it wrong. In '88 was working at Marxism Today (MT) year of 'New Times' issue. Key text to understanding modernisation, still central to my politics today. MT analysis was big part of late 80s soft left too but wrong now? 2/11



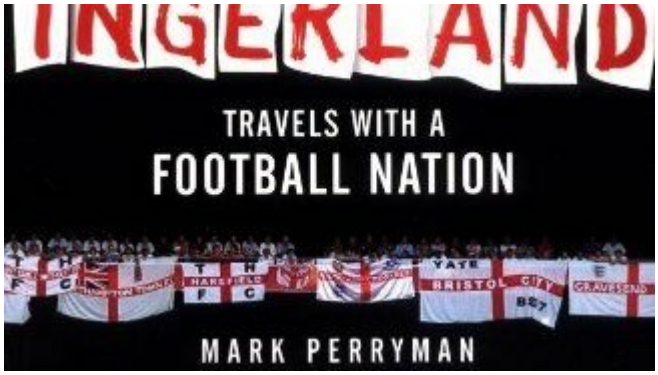
'96 I edited The Blair Agenda which recognised both radical potential of Blairism and political limitations. Was I wrong to have such a balanced view? 3/11



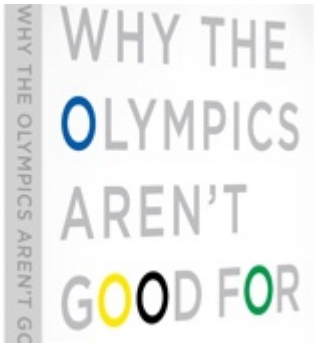
'98 I co-edited The Moderniser's Dilemma both recognising Blair's achievement of the '97 landslide but rising trepidation where this might end up. Have those trepidations been proved wrong? 4/11



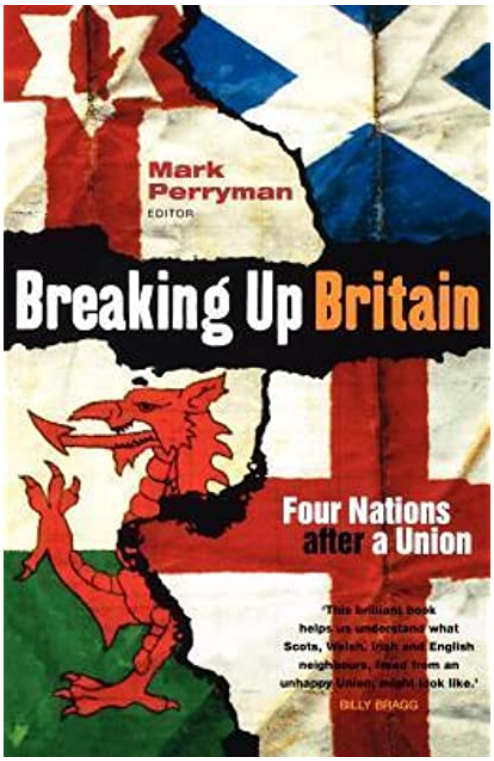
From 2000-2012 I was an England fan activist, actively engaged in creating a fan-friendly culture amongst England's travelling support. Today Keir, like many Labour politicians a tad late to the party, embraces a 'progressive patriotism. Was I right to, is he? 5/11



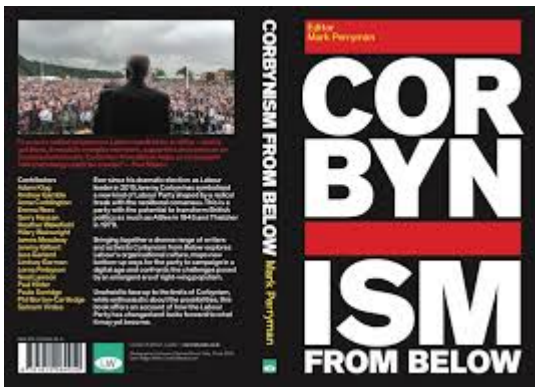
'08 I wrote 'Why The Olympics aren't Good For Us and How They Can be' unlike the Blair-Brown-Cameron-Clegg-Axis I predicted no positive legacy from London 2012. Have I been proved wrong? And more widely is it wrong that the Left takes sport seriously? 6/11



'09 I edited 'Breaking up Britain' I support Scottish Independence @UKLabour (sic) don't. Keir has Gordon Brown architect of Labour's fall from 41 Scots seats (2010) to 1 (2015) as his adviser on subject. '21 Scot Parliament Election will tell us who's right on this. 7/11



'15 I joined Labour not 'cos share Jeremy Corbyn's politics mostly don't but he represented opportunity of radical change. 2015-17 he did, 2017-20 not, Corbynism failed as transformative project. Keir in leadership campaign said we shouldn't junk those 5 years, is he wrong? 8/11



Past 10 months I've helped pioneer a politics of public, visual, aural coalition-building around food poverty where I live, Lewes. I've written about in @RenewalJournal I think you helped set Renewal up you might have read my piece and blogs there? Which bits were wrong? 9/11



In '21 I'll be campaigning for Labour conference to back PR and the party to work with other parties to defeat the Tories in '24 and put Keir in Number Ten. Am I wrong to do so ? 10/11

We Divide. They Conquer: If Labour struggles to win alone, what is to be done?

To win '24 Keir needs to match Kinnock what did in 90-91, 20 points ahead in polls. He lost in '92. Jeremy did same in aftermath of '17 then '19 disaster. Keir has got us neck n neck, am I wrong not to be overflowing with certainty he can establish kind of lead required? 11/11

