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Dan Hodges thinks Boris didn't deliberately lie. Let's examine the record

1. Spread the lie about EU law on straight bananas

2. Spread lie about EU banning prawn cocktail crisps

3. Invented lie about EU introducing mandatory smaller coffins

(Continues...)

> For what it's worth, I also don't think there was any deliberate attempt to deceive by Boris. I think he genuinely believed the EU would fold. I honestly think he's managed to convince himself about this BMW and Prosecco stuff. Who knows, he might still be right.
>
> — (((Dan Hodges))) (@DPJHodges) December 7, 2020

4. Invented lie about EU demanding plastic wrapping around kippers

5. Lied that 80 million people from Turkey would come to UK if we didn't leave EU

6. Then lied that he'd lied about Turkey

7 Sacked from The Times for inventing a quote then lying about having invented it

8. Found guilty of misrepresenting facts by IPSO

9. Sacked from Tory front-bench for lying about an affair

10. Lied about "IT lessons" with Jennifer Arcuri, when he was actually having an affair (and gave her £126,000 of public money for nothing, which is corruption)

11. Campaigned to have a deal before we leave the EU, and to stay in the Single Market (see image), which was a lie

12. Sacked 21 Tory MPs for voting for the thing he promised

13. Falsely blamed Hillsborough on Liverpool fans, then described victims as “whingeing scousers”

14. Found to have broken the Ministerial Code by lying about his income

15. Got a British Citizen, Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, jailed in Iran because he made a false statement about her

16. Said he had reduced rough sleeping in London when he was mayor - it increase 130%

17. Falsely claimed to have introduced Oyster Cards - they were introduced 5 years before he was mayor

18. Falsely claimed he made serious youth crime fall, when Met figures showed the opposite

19. Refuses to admit how many children he has, and lies when asked

20. Promised £350m a week for NHS, a lie, which the UK statistics authority says is a “a clear misuse of official statistics"

21. Lied on camera about there being no press present when confronted by a distraught father in a hospital

22. Made an undertaking to the Scottish Courts that he would abide by the law, then 4 hours later tweeted that he wouldn’t. So he was either lying to court or lying to the public

23. Broke the law by illegally proroguing parliament, and lied to the Queen about it.

24. He isn't called Boris. His friends and family call him "Al". Boris is a character he plays, including deliberately messing up his hair and clothes before appearing on camera

25. Ran an entire election campaign on the false promise that he had an Oven Ready Deal.

26. He's now claiming this meant the Withdrawal Agreement, but that doesn't work either, cos he got Tories to vote to break the WA. So he's lying about lying.

So I think it's quite reasonable to assume he is always, in fact, deliberately lying, @DPJHodges. Either that, or he simply doesn't understand the concept of truth.

Neither is excusable for a Prime Minister. Stop giving him a free pass. Your job is to hold him to account.

In case you care, I once tried to produce a fully referenced list, but quite honestly it was taking up too much of my time and I had a real job to do (link below)

But this is Dan Hodges' actual job. He is paid to do this. Instead... we get bullshit.

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