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Matt Goodwin

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dissent. It will be difficult to see what opposition is going on at that point.

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 **Clive** 10m

There is more than a little irony in the police saying their presence is to help process illegal migrants. I genuinely thought the police were supposed to be non-political and to enforce actions against illegal activities.

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 **Mike Buchanan** Mike Buchanan just now

Matt, thanks for the excellent piece. Gosport is also the location of a scandal of 35+ years' standing, here's our blog piece on the matter, "The Gosport War Memorial Hospital 1990s opioid deaths scandal. Dr Jane Barton, 77, has been a case study in female unaccountability for 35+ years."

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 **Bev Craven** Bev Craven 5m

A Prime Minister or cabinet members cannot be criminally prosecuted under existing democratic laws simply for introducing highly unpopular, radical, or non-mandated structural policies.

In established democracies like the United Kingdom, political decisions—even those perceived by critics as undermining personal liberties, creating "totalitarian" control, or introducing intrusive measures like digital IDs—are legally treated as matters of policy and political ideology, not criminal conduct.

The legal mechanisms governing this situation involve several distinct constitutional principles:

1. Parliamentary Sovereignty and Legal Absolutism

In the UK, the core constitutional principle is Parliamentary Sovereignty.

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- Judicial Review: Civil rights groups can take the government to the High Court via Judicial Review. If ministers try to bypass Parliament or abuse secondary legislation, courts can rule their actions unlawful and quash the specific regulations.
- The Human Rights Act: Legislation that encroaches heavily on privacy (such as certain forms of digital ID) or eliminates private property can be challenged under the Human Rights Act or international treaties. Courts can issue a "declaration of incompatibility," forcing Parliament to reconsider.
- Democratic Removal: Ultimately, the primary constitutional remedy for a government enacting radical, unwanted overhauls is for the electorate to vote them out at the next General Election, or for Parliament to collapse the government via a Vote of No Confidence.

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Max Lite 12m

None of this chat matters unless the right win the next GE and not a Frankenstein hard left monster alliance. At some moment the Tories will have to speak to Reform and they both need to speak to Restore. The stakes are that high.

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Mike Buchanan 3m Edited

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