



The Day Politics Forgot To Mourn

When politics stops remembering, humanity becomes collateral

The Cockroach of Great Yarmouth is on the move again.

Like most political pests, it spends remarkable little time where taxpayers actually elected it to be.

Instead Rupert Lowe has scurried across the Atlantic and found himself basking beneath the warm lights of Joe Rogan's studio – the modern pilgrimage site for every populist desperate to become an international export.

Perhaps this episode might just be Rupert Lowe's big break.

None should really be surprised. These days you can usually tell where a politician sits long before they open their mouth. Just watch whose podcasts they appear on. The modern campaign trail no longer runs through village halls. It runs through Spotify, YouTube Studios and TikTok. The States is also home to the tech moguls that are gaining so much capital, that they're now rich enough to exert enormous influence over political discourse and election campaigns.

Nigel Farage the leader of Reform was asked only a few days ago what Restore Britain's leader has that he doesn't. Nigel's response was swift with no pause for thought, "Elon Musk".

As with most Joe Rogan episodes these days, the guest get's to go off on sweeping and meandering rants unchecked and unchallenged. Rupert's insect like mandibles were chittering

away the usual hateful swill, with the usual inaccuracies, falsehoods and other populist nonsense he's been spilling on his home turf... but one comment really sparked up a heated debate, leading him to look rather foolish and uncaring.

There are some days in history that become too sacred to weaponise, and post World War 2, planet earth has seen far too many. Some memories belong first to the bereaved, and only afterwards to history.

Dunblane is one of them.

Sixteen schoolchildren. One teacher. Brutally gunned down by a madman that then took his own life. A primary school now forever stricken with the touch of shock, despair and grief, with many still to this day left to live with the horrors that unfolded. The entire country was put into a standstill, as parents waiting outside schools across the country were praying that their child would remain one of the lucky ones.

Dunblane was not just a tragic mass shooting, it was a turning point for the United Kingdom, leading to stricter gun laws - in particular the banning of handguns.

The event is not something to be shrugged off in such a dismissive sentence as the cockroach decided to level into the microphone opposite Joe, when he merely referred to Dunblane as "one murder" that meant dear old Daddy who loved to hunt and shoot pistols for sport, could no longer maintain his beloved collection of firearms.

Rupert Lowe presents himself as a patriot. Patriotism, however, requires memory. Nations are not simply held together by flags and sentiment. They are held together by the moments they refuse to forget.

How is it then, that a patriotic man could so easily dismiss one of the UK's darkest post war trauma's, and the worst mass shooting in UK history? It seems rather counterintuitive and conflicting with the type of candidate and party leader he portrays himself as. Not to mention the fact that this bug has also just released a report about the rape of the UK's young White Girls, with statistics that might as well have been drawn in crayon.

Surely if Rupert had a concern for the suffering of white children, he'd have been more considerate of the way he framed this discussion about Dunblane. He talks about protecting white girls, so why do the white children of Dunblane not qualify? Is another of Rupert's agendas starting to show?

It's hard to know what the point of Dunblane being referenced was, other than to play up to an American podcasters love for the second amendment, meaning that most in the states still hold firearms due to the right to bear them. Using the Gun Violence Archive definition of more than 4 people being classed as a mass shooting, in 2025, 425 mass shootings were recorded. If you then look at statistics for 2024 released from the FBI, approximately 2,024 children died in the US as a result of gun violence. Of these, 1,337 were homicides and around 687 were suicides.

The irony is almost breathtaking. A man campaigning on protecting Britain's children found it remarkably easy to diminish one of Britain's darkest crimes against them.

But sure, let's frame Dunblane as one murder that was blown out of proportion by the state to introduce stricter gun laws to prevent any further unnecessary loss of innocent lives.

It's been hours since the podcast went live. The cockroach has continued to skitter away from the light of empathy shone upon him from those in the political landscape, condemning his words and demanding apology. In fact, it seems that his efforts have gone mostly to defending the bile he has been spitting about minority groups and how he is ready to deport all those that aren't Christian as soon as his party gets into power - which considering Restore barely even scraped votes in the last bi-election is unlikely.

What's even more disappointing here, is many are saying the clip is now "out of context", which is the usual tactic deployed these days when someone is clipped saying something heinous. Many defenders of the pest from Great Yarmouth are moving on the possibility that he misspoke, yet I disagree... Joe Rogan made an effort to question if it was just one murder in Dunblane, giving dear old Rupert an opportunity to correct himself, but instead of doing so, he simply doubled down.

I couldn't care less if Rupert's opinions on gun laws are that they are excessive, and that he wants to push this point to earn favours with gun nuts of the US. He can take what he feels is a legitimate policy decision and push for whatever he wants - that is his right.

Democracies must continue to survive through disagreement - but they can't survive on amnesia.

Forgetting the facts of something so scarred into British memory, just so it can be repurposed to fit a new political agenda to earn favour with a people that separated and got independence from the crown some 250 years ago, is woefully ignorant for someone with ambitions to be Prime Minister.

This whole episodic blunder of Ruperts I would argue is not about firearms. It's about what happens when every human tragedy becomes another dark corner where political cockroaches gather to feed. A feast of people's grief for ideological production. The impression left is that factual accuracy matters less than political usefulness.

Somewhere in Scotland there are parents who never got to watch their children grow up, and enjoy the opportunities that someone like Rupert takes for granted. They certainly don't deserve to see a washed up politician like him turning the worst days of their lives into an anecdote as to why dear old daddy could no longer play with pistols.

Some memories should remain heavier than politics. And those that wish to lead the nation, would do right to stand by the patriotic mask they swear by and remember what makes a nation.

It's victories, and it's sufferings.

If Rupert Lowe has any respect for the memory of the children murdered at Dunblane, he should apologise. Not to his political opponents, but to all the families whose grief was treated as a footnote in one of his many misplaced arguments. Whether he chooses to do so will tell us far more about his character than anything else he said on Joe Rogan's podcast.

Apology or not, history has a habit of remembering those who treated tragedy with reverence - and those who treated it as

ammunition. One earns respect. The other merely leaves an unpleasant residue.

Cockroaches survive because they adapt to almost any environment. Modern politicians have learnt the same trick. Outrage. Terrorism. Dead Children. Financial Collapse. Refugees. Every disaster becomes another breeding ground for influence. Instead of mourning, they metabolise.

I've never known a cockroach to concern itself with anything other than moral decay.

So, I suppose we most likely won't see an apology after all, but at least Great Yarmouth have enjoyed some time without having to call pest control...

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