

Green Party Leader responds to Keir Starmer's speech at the Global Progress Action Summit

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Responding to Keir Starmer's [speech at the Global Progress Action Summit in London](#), which argued Britain has been 'squeamish' about illegal immigration, Green Party Leader, Zack Polanski said,

"Keir Starmer today said this country has been too 'squeamish' about talking about immigration. Let's call that for what it is: bullshit. The truth is, politicians have talked about little else for decades and almost always in the most toxic, dehumanising way possible. These comments are lapped up and regurgitated on a near-daily basis as talking points without any real balance.

That phrase "stop the boats" is all we hear. Well, today I am saying "stop the bullshit".

It's time to be honest. It's what we deserve. Immigration is not the crisis. The NHS is not crumbling because of tiny numbers of desperate people clinging on to small boats. The crisis is a political class too cowardly to tackle the actual huge issues of poverty, housing, and low pay. Too eager to distract us by pointing the finger at people who come here to contribute to our communities and our economy."

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