

Sarah Champion's resignation over Muslim comments bodes ill for state of debate in Labour

The newspaper The Sun has been in hot water twice this week over opinion pieces by a senior columnist and a Labour MP on the problem of the Muslim rape gangs.

Ooh – I have said it as well. PROBLEM and MUSLIMS. Quick, sack her from her job... You can't – Jack Straw threw me on the scrap heap 9 years ago. I say what I like now, please or offend. Historically I am not a fan of the Sun but on this [SOME Sun](#) readers may have missed the concocted explosion of Labour and Islamic hysteria over a column I wrote on Monday about Muslim sex gangs. This fake fury was largely confined to a small circulation, mostly-online newspaper and a letter from Labour lefties dragooned by the Muslim Council of Britain.

My offence was to write about the attitude of predatory Muslim men towards white women – what I called “the Muslim Problem”.

I was instantly denounced for fomenting a Nazi-style “Final Solution” comparable only with the Jewish Holocaust. It was a ludicrous, offensive and perverse distortion of the truth.

A letter calling for my dismissal signed by 105 cross-party MPs was led by Labour's Naz Shah, the Bradford MP suspended last year for anti-Semitism. In a series of social media posts in 2014 she shared a graphic with the headline “Solution for Israel-Palestine conflict – relocate Israel into United States” adding the message “problem solved” – and urged friends to back a poll criticising Israel saying “the Jews are rallying”.

Jeremy Corbyn accepted her reinstatement after a few weeks, sparking criticism over his own alleged anti-Semitism along with that of his pal Red Ken Livingstone.

Fake claims of Islamophobia are the price journalists risk today if we dare question the conduct of a minority hostile to the host community. So, as ever when writing about Islam this week, I was treading on eggshells as I described the very specific problem of “some” Muslim men and their attitude to white Western women.

The article followed the trial and imprisonment of 17 mainly British-born men from the Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Indian, Iraqi, Iranian and Turkish communities who groomed, raped and abused scores of vulnerable young, mainly white, girls over many years.

I cited Rotherham Labour MP Sarah Champion who bravely broke ranks and identified the problem everyone else on the Left had shied away from.

She told Radio 4's Today programme: “We've got now hundreds of men, Pakistani men, who have been convicted of this crime. Why are we not commissioning research to see what's going on and how we need to change what's going on so it never happens again?”

She added: “The far right will attack me for not doing enough, the floppy left will have a go at me for being a racist. But this isn't racist, this is child protection and we need to be grown up about this and deal with it.”

The Sun asked [Spectator](#)

Sarah Champion has stepped down as the shadow women and equalities minister as a result of an authored piece which appeared in the *Sun* last week, following the conviction of a grooming gang in Newcastle. The passage which appears to have landed Champion in hot water came right at the start of the

article:

Britain has a problem with British Pakistani men raping and exploiting white girls. There. I said it. Does that make me a racist? Or am I just prepared to call out this horrifying problem for what it is?

The Labour MP spent today trying to row back from her comments, saying that her piece should 'not have gone out in my name'. This seemed like an unlikely excuse: a national newspaper wouldn't publish an authored piece without the person's say-so. It's also likely that the article – if not the headline – would have been approved by Champion or someone in her office before it was published (Guido Fawkes have published an email suggesting this was the case, and a spokesman for the *Sun* is saying the same).

Now, Champion is gone from the shadow cabinet.

Readers may recall that Miss Champion was elected as MP to Rotherham, the northern town where the crimes of Muslim men against English schoolgirls first came to wide public attention, after the trial of crimes and exposure of the cover-up. Her predecessor, [here](#).

The ultra left [Mirror](#) wades in with their support for all things Corbyn.

The Mirror fund Hope not Hate; I would love some true investigative journalist with forensic accounting skills to expose how much the Mirror funds the Labour party, how much the Labour Party funds the Mirror and where the money originates from in the first place. Soros? Saudi? But this country does not train such men and women any more. The Telegraph exposure of MPs expenses 10 years ago was the last blast of that tradition. This next generation is going to have to reinvent the skill.