# Andrew Griffith criticises Liberal Democrats' policies as extremist



Shadow business and trade secretary Andrew Griffith has recently voiced his concerns regarding the Liberal Democrats, characterising some of their policies as "quite extremist." His comments came during a media appearance outside BBC Broadcasting House in London, where he participated in the BBC One show "Sunday with Laura Kuenssberg" and was also featured on Sky News' "Sunday Morning with Trevor Phillips."

Mr Griffith specifically highlighted that the Liberal Democrats tend to advocate for veganism and four-day work weeks when they gain control of local councils. "If you want a Conservative-led council, vote Conservative in these local elections," he stated during his Sky News interview. He elaborated, expressing concerns about potential coalitions between the Conservatives and Reform UK, saying, “I’m as worried, for example, about Liberal Democrat pacts." Further emphasising his point, he remarked, “They typically promote veganism when they take control of the council, they’ve supported four-day weeks which have damaged the interests of local residents.”

When pressed about whether Conservative leader Kemi Badenoch would prevent a potential Conservative-Reform alliance after the upcoming local elections, Mr Griffith indicated that such decisions would ultimately rest with elected local councillors, informed by the election results. He reiterated his views on the Liberal Democrats during his appearance with Ms Kuenssberg by suggesting, "I think the Liberal Democrats are quite extremist," and reinforcing his earlier claim about there being “too many” vegans among their ranks.

The Liberal Democrats have not taken these comments lightly. They responded by describing Mr Griffith’s remarks as “bizarre” and “frankly a bit weird.” A source within the party stated, “Andrew Griffith was Treasury minister under Liz Truss when the Tories crashed the economy and sent mortgages spiralling. Voters haven’t forgiven the Conservative Party for all the damage they did, bizarre comments like this won’t do anything to change that.”

As the local elections approach, the spotlight remains on the dynamics between various political parties and the implications of their policies on local governance.

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## References

* <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2025/04/13/lib-dems-extremists-who-want-to-impose-veganism-say-tories/> - This URL supports the claim that Andrew Griffith, a Tory frontbencher, labeled the Liberal Democrats as 'extremists' for wanting to impose veganism across Britain.
* <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2025/04/13/lib-dems-extremists-who-want-to-impose-veganism-say-tories/> - It also corroborates that Mr. Griffith expressed concerns about Liberal Democrat policies, including promoting veganism and four-day work weeks when they control local councils.
* <https://www.noahwire.com> - This URL is mentioned as the source of the article discussing Mr. Griffith's comments on Liberal Democrat policies and his concerns about potential Conservative-Reform alliances.
* <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2025/04/13/lib-dems-extremists-who-want-to-impose-veganism-say-tories/> - It further explains that Mr. Griffith's comments were made during media appearances, including an interview on Sky News' 'Sunday Morning with Trevor Phillips'.
* <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m00138wt> - Although not explicitly mentioned in the search results, this URL generally supports the context of Mr. Griffith's appearance on 'Sunday with Laura Kuenssberg', which aligns with the article's content.