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A party on the right of politics is choosing their candidate for the next election. You might think it's about Hampshire, but we could also be talking about the UK.

This morning, we woke up to reports of one Tory MP with a case of Republican primary-envy. Tories to avoid the “impending catastrophe” of being “massacred” at the next election. For a coup.

Nope. Clarke was quickly put in a headlock by fellow MPs. Former home secretary Priti Patel did party big wheels Liam Fox and David Davis. Clarke had been “silly,” according to Davis, the

For me, today has made it even more striking how we are straddling two parallel plot lines with often with disorientating effect.

“The die is cast” is how Bloomberg’s editorial board puts the New Hampshire result. Even though she. The editorial is excoriating: “Recall that Trump was the first president in about nine decades. Remember, too, that in competitive races his preferred candidates underperformed by about 50%. Unpopular, and he shows no inclination to widen his appeal.”

There are a great number of ways Trump will impact the UK. Bloomberg Economics analyzed

It would make items more expensive for Americans, but what about the UK? A 10% tariff on : walking away from Ukraine would crush its military and spirit. It would crumple a country tl Europe? Since this is our backyard, it's an acute issue for us.

But what about the effect on the British election? The Trump 2.0 rhetoric seems to have gone dropped in, say, the second week of the campaign in the UK could upend things.

The Tory voices angling to get rid of Sunak want a more Trumpian agenda with a harder line backbenchers like these to endorse some of Trump's tirades. The defense of: "It's not for me the US election is deafening, it may be hard to hold that line forever.

Simon Clarke MP in 2022 *Photographer: Hollie Adams/Bloomberg*

Then there is the prospect of Nigel Farage criss-crossing the Atlantic and campaigning in both

Keir Starmer won't be out of the fray but will come under pressure from the left of his party. If the minister he could be working with a President Trump.

Trump will stand on a platform asking voters whether they are better off now than they were in 2016. Also the question Starmer will be asking.

The two election debates will be fought simultaneously. It's a dynamic Francine Lacqua, *Step City* podcast. As we contemplate the elections happening this year, get ready for campaigning

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- Billionaire Joe Lewis pleads guilty in [insider trading case](#).
- Russia says Ukraine downed plane carrying 65 [prisoners for swap](#).

How green are timber buildings? It's complex.

The Sara Cultural Center, a 20-story timber high-rise, in Sweden *Photographer: Jonas Ekblom/Bloomberg*

The number of people living in urban areas around the world will swell by upwards of 2 billion homes. But building those with conventional materials would unleash a gusher of carbon dioxide combined 9% of global CO2 emissions, according to research by the United Nations Environment

Enter engineered wood, a seemingly no-brainer solution. Mass timber is not the typical lumber. The wood components are strong enough to hold up an office tower or apartment block, and materials. And since wood is about 50% carbon, the material itself even stores a little carbon

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The big number

9,127 hours

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Repeated rounds of retaliatory strikes by the US and its allies, as well as a multinational naval force against militants that followed the start of the Israel-Hamas war. With sailors demanding double pay for the dangerous waterway that normally carries 12% of the world's seaborne trade.

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