

Imran Khan Must Be Doing Something Right

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The New York Times recent piece on Imran Khan has him describing me as “totally bogus.” I have never said a word about Imran Khan or written about him, but I think now is the time to ask who exactly is totally bogus. In the article he rails against his pet hates - womens’ rights, human rights defenders and so called liberal Pakistanis. He emerges as someone totally intolerant of anyone who does not think like him or holds different views. Unfortunately his views reflect growing signs of fascist thinking, while posing as a democratic.

Quote from the NYT.

“Khan chortled over the fact that the previous week, President Zardari’s son, Bilawal Bhutto, the 23-year-old chairman of the P.P.P., had apparently made a speech in English to his party members. “The poor guy doesn’t know any Urdu.” Khan took a few swipes at various “Westoxified” Pakistanis sought after by deluded Westerners: the editor Najam Sethi (“State Department’s man”); the journalist Ahmed Rashid (“totally bogus”). He then gossiped with Qureshi and Hashmi about the wealth of various politicians, like the former interior minister, Rehman Malik, a “frontman for Zardari,” who, they said, had a personal fortune of \$300 million.