

# Campbell: liar or lion?

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Both Jon Snow of [Channel 4 News](#) and Jeremy Paxman of [Newsnight](#) had interviews with Blair's former media chief Alastair Campbell yesterday. My old colleague Jon Snow was steamrollered by Alastair's defence of his old boss' record. And Paxo also failed to lay a glove on the King of Spin. It was left to former Tory leader [Michael Howard](#) to mount an extraordinary assault on Campbell, accusing him – not Blair – of lying and of poisoning the British political culture. Go and have a [look](#) it's

a fantastic exchange which proves that when it comes to bitter verbal battles, the fighting is best left to the politicians (and let's be honest, Alastair Campbell is one of the best politicians Labour has ever had.)

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