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Garry Adams has been criticised for lack of "courage" and of having "no vision for the future" because "of their refusal to embrace real dialogue."

Mr Adams said: "David Trimble and Ian Paisley are locked into a past built on sectarianism and a desire to dominate. They are failing their people. They are not providing responsible leadership".

Mr Adams urged: "those in the Churches, the loyal institutions, local community groups and in business who recognise the dangers posed by a narrow old fashioned unionist agenda, to act as a credible alternative, to become champions for change and to reach out to nationalists and republicans."

Mr Adams said:

"Both Mr Trimble and Ian Paisley insist that they refuse to talk to republicans because, they say, republicans support the use of force. This is nonsense. It is also untrue. Neither David Trimble or Ian Paisley can lecture anyone on the use of force. They have demonstrated at the siege of the Garvaghy Road and on other occasions in the past, a capacity for using threats, managing mass intimidation and disruption, and encouraging violence.

They have consistently embraced domination and rejected negotiation. Except when it suits them.

In particular David Trimble's call for mediation in the infighting among loyalists stands in stark contrast to his outright rejection of mediation with his own constituents on the Garvaghy Road or local