

Public spending cuts: ineffective, unnecessary, dangerous...

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Politics seems to be on a collision course with economics at the moment. With the right-wing press screaming for cuts and the polls showing a majority of voters agreeing, the main parties are now positioning themselves as cutters.

This is not democracy at its best. The arguments against any major and urgent cuts programme are extremely strong but they are now being crowded out by a debate that is shaped by the desire to win the political rather than the economic battles ahead.

Adam Lent argues, with considerable effectiveness, against the emerging political consensus that will harm us all.