

I oppose austerity because it destroys hope

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This is the [Conservative right wing dream for the UK](#):

Republicans in the US House of Representatives are set to unveil a staunchly conservative fiscal package that would slash government spending by \$4.6tn over a decade and balance the budget within 10 years, with spending and revenues each worth 19.1 per cent of the economy.

It's no surprise [Liam Fox is trying to start](#) the same trajectory of travel in the UK.

I don't oppose such a programme for any party political reason: people can say what they like in a democracy. I oppose it because there would be no NHS left, only limited state education, few pensions, almost no benefits and limited state capacity to regulate the market. I oppose it because it is only intended to make the rich richer at cost to us all. I oppose it because it will destroy economies and social stability. I oppose it because it will destroy hope. I oppose it because people will die as a result of a programme of cuts even of the Fox scale. I oppose it because it destroys any chance of a decent life for the majority in this country. I think that's enough reason to oppose cuts.