

Compass - clarification

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I had a long conversation with Neal Lawson from Compass this morning [following on from this blog yesterday](#). Neal assures me Compass remains committed to fighting cuts. And Compass is fighting those in Labour (and they exist) who say Labour must stick to Tory spending plans if it wins the next election. What he did confirm was that he is a friend of John Harris - who is close to Compass - but he is not answerable for what he writes. Neal agreed he had told Harris Compass was planning a report that will be about investing to grow, dealing with the debt over ten years - and cutting waste where possible, such as Trident, PFI etc. So the message, he said, is that good borrowing and good spending is the mantra. In that case my concerns that Harris' article, with which I still have major issues, was linked to Compass look misplaced even though he referred to them in the article.