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The following comes straight from Simon Wren-Lewis' 'Mainly Macro' blog. He entitled it ['To all UK Journalists'](#)

Growth under Labour, including the Great Recession, was 50% better than under the Coalition. So please, if you want to make your reporting on the economy over the next 100 days objective, use this fact. If the Conservatives win this election because enough people believe that they are more competent than the previous government at handling the economy, it will be a devastating verdict - on the UK media and its journalists.

Quarter on previous year's quarter growth in UK GDP per head, 1997Q2 to 2014Q3
What can I add?