

I agree with Ken Clarke

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On a day when I am in at least two Sunday papers talking about what may be tax avoidance by Tory and Labour party donors I have to agree with Ken Clarke, [about whom the Guardian](#) reports:

The Conservative party needs to break its dependence on millionaires, the former Tory chancellor Ken Clarke has told the Observer, amid a growing furore over the tax affairs of the party's donors.

Let's be clear though (and Ken does say it), this would benefit all parties. All have had their problems.

The time to clean up the act has arrived.

Contributions have to be personal (which permits union members to contribute individually, if they wish).

And personal donations must be capped. How about £5,000 a year unless you are the candidate, when maybe a bit more should be allowed?

And yes, I do think a state funding formula has to be in the mix. And no, I have not got a perfect answer, but then, there isn't one. That's the nature of life.