

£3,028 tax claim does not add up

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According [to the FT](#):

Mr Cameron will use his Downing Street press conference to claim that Labour would put up taxes by £3,028 for every working household — a calculation based on a 50:50 split between higher taxes and spending cuts to eliminate a £30bn structural deficit in the next parliament.

I admit I cannot see any logic to this claim.

There are about 65 million people in the UK and about 31 million income tax payers. The average household has, [according to the ONS, 2.3 members](#). So there are about 28.3 million households.

Between them these households have to pay in tax £15 billion extra according to the Conservatives. That is, if that need is correctly stated (which I dispute), £530 a household.

Even over five years it does not come to £3,028 a household.

This claim looks to be very straightforwardly wrong.