

The Budget imposed a 10% pay cut on those earning Â£1...

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This graph [from the IFS](#) on the impact of the budget by income decile is worth repeating:

I repeat it for a reason. Note that the second income decile is hardest hit, losing more than £1,200 a year.

That decile, [according to most recent government data](#) has income varying between £11,100 and £13,100 a year.

In other words, George Osborne imposed a 10% net pay cut on some of the hardest up people in the country in this budget.

No wonder that [the Pope expects](#) change to come from the demands of those least well off. Could you live with losing five weeks income when you were already at your financial limits? I doubt it. So why do we expect this whole group to do so?