

Funding the Future

People want to know that the Tories have borrowed more ...

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Some blog posts get a life of their own it seems. [This one has:](#)

This is that post's sharing data:

It's doing the rounds on Facebook again right now. But that's not really surprising. This is what the data shows:

	Labour	Conservative	Total	Higher: Labour or Conservative?
Years in office	28	42	70	Conservative
Total net borrowing - original prices	488.1	961.8	1449.9	Conservative
Average borrowing for each year in office - original prices	17.4	22.9	20.7	Conservative
Total net borrowing - 2014 prices	749.2	1405.4	2154.6	Conservative
Average borrowing for each year in office - 2014 prices	26.8	33.5	30.8	Conservative
Number of years when repaid debt	7	4	11	Labour
Percentage of years in office when debt repaid	25.0%	9.5%	15.7%	Labour
Total repayments made - original prices	38.7	7.0	45.7	Labour
Total repayments made - 2014 prices	108.8	19.9	128.7	Labour
Years in office prior to Global Financial Crisis	26	36	62	Conservative
Total borrowing in original prices excluding the Global Financial Crisis	229.3	319.6	548.9	Conservative
Average borrowing for each year in office excluding the Global Financial Crisis - original prices	8.82	8.88	8.85	Conservative
Total borrowing in 2014 prices excluding the Global Financial Crisis	461.6	742.9	1204.5	Conservative
Average borrowing for each year in office in 2014 prices excluding the Global Financial Crisis	17.8	20.6	19.4	Conservative

The Conservatives have borrowed more in total and on average than Labour whether in original or current prices.

And Labour has a better record on debt repayment.

And this is true even when the years impacted by the 2008 crisis are taken out of account.

But Labour never says that.

And so neither does the media.

Why?