

Labour's lack of common instincts

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I am not a great fan of Rafael Behr on the Guardian: his writing rarely works for me. But this, [published this morning](#), does neatly summarise a problem:

Labour is marooned between a discredited past and an unimagined future. Many of the obstacles to recovery predate the current leader. The difficulty in articulating a clear response to Brexit, for example, stems from the absence of common instincts on the best approach to immigration, free trade, markets, and on protecting people from the economic vagaries of globalisation without retreating into bitter rejection of the modern world.

I was discussing those issues with a senior Labour figure yesterday. They said much the same thing and wondered just how long the party could survive in the face of this difficulty. It's clear they are not alone.