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According [to the Guardian](#):

*In a speech in Prague, [Jeremy Corbyn] the Labour leader said that unless progressives broke with a “failed economic and political establishment” the far right would fill the gap.*

There are real problems with this claim. Of course it is vital that the economics and politics of neoliberalism is a rejected. That's because it simply does not work. But it's dangerous to personalise this. Like it or not neoliberalism has been the prevailing dogma for thirty years. People have been taught it to the exclusion of all else. Of course some of us rumbled it. But most didn't; indeed many still don't.

Is it in that case appropriate to reject all the people who have at some time accepted this ideology as if they are an 'establishment' being overthrown or would it be better to win the argument and bring them with the left? There are, after all, going to need to be people to make a new economy work, and without some converts there may not be enough.

Might we de-personalise this, please, and name the issue as the idea, not those who have been seduced by it?