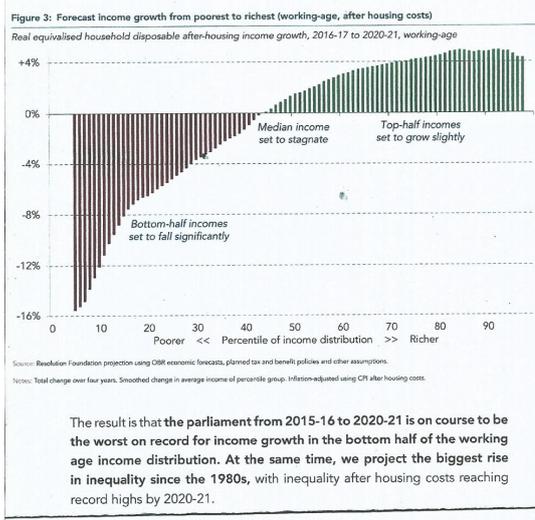


Is it fair?

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The following comes from the Rev Pail Nicolson of Taxpayers against Poverty. He asked people to ask their candidates: **Is it fair that:** [the regressive impact of the market and austerity has damaged the health and wellbeing of millions of citizens since 1979 and in particular since 2010?](#) [rents rising faster than incomes leading The Resolution Foundation to forecast even lower incomes after housing costs](#) by 16% for the poorest citizens over the next

[incomes rise 4%?](#)



[Income Support, Employment Support Allowance and Jobseekers Allowance](#) (all at £73.10 pw) and Universal Credit [£317pm](#) are [too low live on](#) AND have to pay rent due to the bedroom tax and council tax.

[the NHS has reported 50%, or over 7300, more people, have been admitted to hospital with malnutrition](#) in the four years since 2010?

[the Office for National Statistics has revealed an unprecedented increase in deaths in 2015](#) after decades of improvement?

[given what we know about the physical and emotional costs of moving house, the vulnerability of children's education to frequent moves](#)

, and the disruption to schooling and social networks, that councils are demolishing council estates rather than maintaining them?

[to allow the UK to sleepwalk into a proliferation of insecure work which is short sighted](#), damages health and costs the taxpayers?

â€‹...â€‹n 2010 it was estimated [that inequalities in health](#) accounted for productivity losses of £31-£33 billion per year, and £20-£32 billion a year in lost taxes and higher welfare payments. Additional NHS healthcare costs associated with inequality were estimated to be in excess of £5.5 billion a year?

....AND WHAT WOULD YOUR GOVERNMENT TO ABOUT IT?