

Funding the Future

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The [Guardian's editorial](#) on Labour's manifesto concludes:

At 124 pages, this is a long manifesto. But it is not a suicide note. In terms of its social democratic credentials, the 1983 manifesto it most resembles is that of the Liberal/SDP Alliance rather than Labour's. Its achievement is to expand the limits of the thinkable in British politics. Its weakness is that it does too little to make the thinkable seem realistic and practical.

Three thoughts.

First, this shows how far to the right politics has moved.

Second, even if Labour will not win this manifesto does a service by saying another politics is possible. That is better, by far, than years of acquiescing with decline.

Third, the Guardian shows its Liberal colours throughout. It does not help itself as a result.