

Why is Labour stuck in gold-standard thinking era? And ...

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From the [Sunday Times today](#):

Fired-up Rachel Reeves takes her axe to Corbyn's 'magic money tree'

The once "boring" shadow chancellor has reinvented herself and claims Labour can again be trusted with your money



Rachel Reeves sees buy-to-let landlords and those who enjoy an income from stocks and shares as potential targets for higher rates of taxation
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Politicians are always taught: "Don't repeat the premise of the question." Rachel Reeves considers her options for a second and then jumps in with both feet.

The shadow chancellor has been outlining her party's plans to show that they are fiscally responsible. Has she chopped down the "magic money tree", which seemed to govern Labour's economic policy under Jeremy Corbyn? "I don't believe there is a magic money tree," she says, thankful to have been gifted a soundbite. "If you want to pay for things, you've got to explain where that money is going to come from."

So, austerity here we come because Rachel Reeves has not noticed we have a fiat currency as yet.

Why is Labour stuck in gold-standard thinking era? And why does it want gold-standard era austerity that inevitably follows?

Reeves really does need to break out of her City style thinking.