

PM Truss: a disaster in the making

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And then there were two. It's a sorry day when the best the Tory party can offer to lead the country is a choice between Liz Truss and Rishi Sunak.

Truss cannot do media, let alone appear to be able to think on her feet. Her economics is incoherent. She appears to have no understanding of government accounting. And her claims on delivery are false, unless the claim is that she has delivered on the intention to breach international law, undermine the Good Friday Agreement and threaten peace. There is a staggering lack of reality surrounding almost everything about Truss.

Sunak, on the other hand appears to have the sole objective of balancing the government's books, come what may. There is no other obvious policy on display from him.

Amongst Tory members Truss is the strong favourite. I assume therefore she is who we will get as next prime minister.

In the country I suspect Truss will be deeply unpopular. Selecting her looks like a loss of the next general election to me, after what will, however, be a torrid coupled of years before it happens. From what I hear from Labour this seems to be their view. They are worried by Sunak, but not at all by Truss.

But all that is game playing. What worries me is the harm Truss could do, which I think could be considerable when millions are facing destitution and there is no sign that she cares.

There is one thing Labour has to stop doing after 5 September though. From then on they have to beat the Tories and stop assuming that they will tear themselves apart. Is that too much to ask?