

Hunt has lost the Mail

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And there was me thinking we'd voted in the Conservatives!

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- **Biggest ever fall in living standards as recession hits**
- **Taxes soar to highest since war in £25bn raid**
- **Middle class plundered to fund welfare and pensions**

TORIES SOAK THE STRIVERS

MIDDLE earners and strivers were hammered with a stealth tax squeeze yesterday.
In one of the most punishing budgets in modern history, Jeremy Hunt moved to shore up Britain's battered public finances and bring down inflation. He unveiled a £25bn package of tax rises that will push the overall burden to its highest level since the

By Jason Groves Political Editor
Second World War. Higher earners will be hit hardest, with the starting point for paying the 45p income tax rate cut from £150,000 to £125,000. Experts said a top rate more paid by only a quarter of a million workers would extend to more than a million. And millions of other workers will be dragged into higher tax rates under a six-year stealth raid. A typical household will see its annual tax bill rise by £1,700, according to the Resolution Foundation think-tank. The Office for Budget Responsibility warned that rampant inflation would trigger the biggest drop in living standards ever recorded - a 7 per cent fall over two years. This will wipe out the previous eight years of growth, leaving ministers to explain at the next election why workers have suffered a lost decade. Treasury income will top £1trillion for the first time this year, with the figure set to continue increasing to

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...after the Chancellor gets a drenching on morning jog

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Yes, it's nasty.

Yes, it's predictable.

But it also means that the Mail's readers have nowhere to turn now except the Reform Party which is UKIP in all but name, and that splits the right-wing vote.

I don't count chickens, but the smell of toast is always good early in the morning, which it is as I post this.