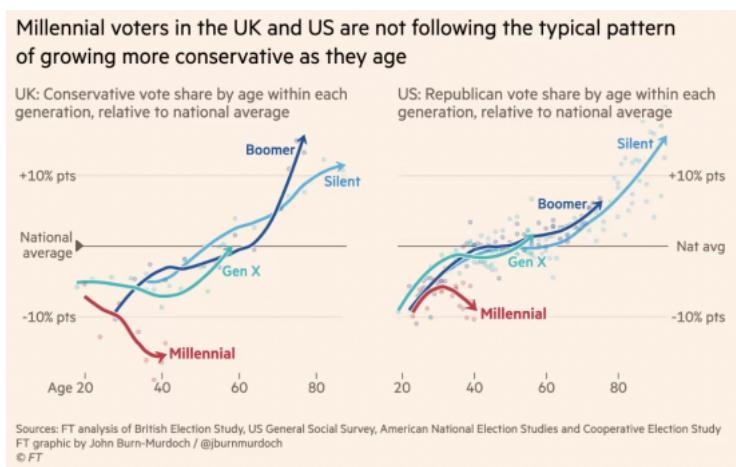


Funding the Future

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This chart is from the FT this morning:



The argument is a simple one. It is that as people get older they are no longer moving to the right but are, instead, moving leftward. The millennial generation (born 1981 - 1996) are the first to display this trend.

Why? The reasons seem obvious:

- * Reduced access to housing
- * No jobs for life
- * No pension security
- * Student debt
- * Climate change
- * Growing up with austerity

I might also add, better education may play a part, because it always does on this issue.

There are consequences:

- * The older vote will no longer be as right-wing
- * Recruiting able people will be harder for the right
- * The left can think about the long term

So the real question is, why in that case are Labour playing to the right wing so very

hard when that is not the required direction of travel?