

## Does Labour really not care that up to ten UK universit...

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The FT [had an article yesterday](#) foretelling the anticipated failure of up to ten UK universities. As they note:

*The universities regulator has announced a contract of up to £4mn for professional services companies to manage a potential wave of insolvencies, as the sector faces a looming funding crisis.*

They continued, noting that:

*The Office for Students (OfS) announced the tender last week after education secretary Bridget Phillipson made it clear that the government will not bail out universities despite warnings from university leaders that several institutions are already on the brink of insolvency.*

*The tender document, seen by the Financial Times, estimated the total contract value at £2mn to £4mn “based on ten audits in total over the four years”. This would be used to both restructure failing universities and manage “potential market exits”.*

So, what is clear is that what we now have is a Labour government planning for the failure of a significant part of the university sector in the UK, about which it is apparently indifferent.

As I have said before, this will blight lives and communities and create significant unemployment and loss of earnings for the UK, but Labour apparently does not care.

I keep asking the question, 'What is Labour for?' and I cannot find an answer.

The possibility that we are now governed by a single transferable party (STP) that has two interchangeable fronts to provide a veneer of democracy in a country that has not noticed it is being conned out of its democracy becomes stronger by the day.