Rachel Reeves: a Chancellor without any story to tell

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These were the Tweets I put out during Rachel Reeves' speech at the Labour Party conference today. Read from the bottom upwards:

Richard Murphy ☑ @RichardJMurphy · 53s
A summary of Rachel Reeves' speech. Nothing's changed since June. There are no new ideas. And there will be no apologies for the messes she has already made. But we know nothing more than we did. And everything hangs on her belief in growth, which is not going to happen. A fail.

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Richard Murphy ☑ @RichardJMurphy · 4m
Labour says it will always stand with working people. But what if you're not a working person? Does Labour stand for them? There is no evidence that it does.

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Richard Murphy ☑ @RichardJMurphy · 6m
Those at Labour party conference look as if they think Rachel Reeves should have sat down twenty minutes ago, and I am in agreement with them.

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Richard Murphy ☑ @RichardJMurphy · 13m
Reeves says Labour is proudly pro-business and pro-worker.

No mention of pro-child.

Or pro-pensioner.

Or pro-person unable to work.

Or pro-state, or pro-all who work on it.

Or pro-charity.

Or pro-carer.

No, just pro-business and pro-worker.

That is a simplistic and blinkered narrative that should have been left behind decades ago.

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Richard Murphy ☑ @RichardJMurphy · 19m
Growth in a finite world has lead to global heating. Why is Reeves committed to climate destruction?

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Richard Murphy ☑ @RichardJMurphy · 21m

This was a smug speech by a smug Chancellor that said nothing new or of benefit to anyone.

As I have said, this is a Labour government without a narrative, and it was clear from the looks on the faces of those in the conference hall that they knew this.

Ed Miliband looked to be in despair.

Even Wes Streeting looked worried.

How can a person of such limited vision have reached such high office without any idea of what to do?