

Will Labour rise to the challenge from Musk?

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As [Yahoo has reported](#):

Elon Musk is reportedly planning to make a \$100 million donation to Reform UK as a “fuck you” to Keir Starmer.

[According to the Sunday Times](#), the tech billionaire could funnel the cash through the British arm of his social media platform X to get round rules banning foreigners from giving money to British parties.

If Labour had any sense it would take this threat very seriously and then do four things:

- 1) Ban corporate gifts above £5,000 to any political party in a year, treating a company and all its related entities as one company for this purpose.
- 2) Ban any gift to a political party of more than £5,000 from a person and their related parties in a year.
- 3) Start the state funding of political parties, within strictly limited budgets.
- 4) Begin electoral reform.

That is what I would expect any democrat to do. The system is clearly at risk from Musk.

Will Labour take action? Who knows. But we will know they don't really believe in democracy if they don't.