

## Why go back?

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As [the FT noted](#) yesterday:

*Four Labour MPs who were suspended from the parliamentary party last summer for voting against Sir Keir Starmer's welfare policies have been readmitted. But three others — including former shadow chancellor John McDonnell — remain suspended indefinitely, raising doubts over whether they will be Labour candidates at the next general election.*

I think my reaction to this news is the obvious one. Why on earth did they want to go back? Rejoining a sinking ship does not make a lot of sense.

Surely, it is time for a new way of political thinking to emerge now? In whatever form it might have, and with all its inbuilt design failures, I cannot see how Labour can be the answer to any of the obvious political needs of this country.