

Labour really are total bastards

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This is a headline in [The Guardian](#) this afternoon:

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No 10 delays child poverty strategy with tens of thousands more facing hardship

Flagship policy put back until at least autumn amid fears cost of scrapping two-child limit will outweigh political benefit

The report says:

Labour's flagship child poverty strategy has been delayed until at least the autumn amid concerns at the top of government that the financial cost of key proposals outweighs the political benefit, even though tens of thousands more children will fall into poverty as a result.

They added:

[T]he Guardian has been told that the chancellor, Rachel Reeves, and Morgan McSweeney, Keir Starmer's chief of staff, have pushed the strategy back to at least the autumn budget and possibly later. Reeves is understood to be concerned about the cost implications while McSweeney has questioned the political benefits.

I have one reaction.

They are total bastards.

No other description is appropriate.