

## When Nigel says jump, Labour does

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I noted this in [The Guardian](#) this morning:

*Nigel Farage will commit to restoring the winter fuel payment to all pensioners and to scrapping the two-child benefit cap, a report has suggested.*

*The Reform UK leader is expected to appeal to leftwing voters with announcements in a speech next week, according to the Sunday Telegraph.*

And then I noticed this in [The Observer](#):

*Keir Starmer has told cabinet ministers that he wants to scrap the two-child benefit cap and has asked the Treasury to identify ways to fund the plan.*

*With Labour MPs threatening to rebel over the government's welfare reforms, the prime minister has privately made clear that he is determined to axe the limit in order to drive down child poverty.*

Labour needs a new song to sing. It would be called 'When Nigel says jump, we do.'

Of course, I want the two-child limit to go.

I [have explained how to pay for it very many times over](#). We could also, of course, increase the deficit. It is permitted, not least as this policy would pay for itself many times over.

But there is no coincidence in these stories, I am quite sure, and that is pathetic.

It also means Rachel Reeves's days are numbered. She cannot survive this.