

Farage is planning to boost migration into the UK at co...

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Reform has come up with one of the most stupid tax proposals I have ever heard of. As [The Guardian summarises it](#):

Reform UK are to offer wealthy foreigners and returning British expats a bespoke tax regime in exchange for a one-off payment of £250,000 with all funds collected redistributed to Britain's lowest-paid workers, the party claims.

The proposal, dubbed the Britannia Card, is due to be unveiled by party leader Nigel Farage later this week. It promises a 10-year residence permit and a return to the controversial "remittance basis" of taxation, allowing cardholders to shield overseas income from UK tax and avoid inheritance tax entirely.

In return, high-net-worth applicants would pay an upfront "entry contribution" of £250,000, which Reform UK said would be distributed in full to the bottom 10% of UK earners.

Let me explain what this means.

Farage is, in reality, planning to offer a tax haven-style deal to people who want to come to the UK.

This is, then, a plan to boost migration into the UK.

In exchange for £250,000, paid upfront, those arriving in the UK will get a tax deal not available to those already here.

Farage is, then, planning a tax deal that favours migrants.

Those coming to the UK will be able to hide as much of the income as they like outside the UK, and entirely avoid UK inheritance tax.

In other words, Farage is planning a scheme where migrants to the UK will be deliberately allowed to avoid contributing to UK society in the way everyone already

here has to do. He is planning to create a country biased towards migrants.

Farage will, in fact, be offering inward migrants a tax avoider's dream. You might even call it a tax evader's dream. We will never know the difference, because the people in question will not have to declare the income that they have received that is kept outside this country.

And Farage claims that this will raise money for the UK. Except that this is absurd because, as a matter of fact, no one will pay the £250,000 entrance fee unless they are going to save taxes as a consequence.

How much tax will they save? We can reasonably presume that they will expect to save £250,000 or more over a period of 10 years. Otherwise, the deal would make no sense to them.

In fact, because of the impact of interest costs and uncertainty, they will actually have to save much more than that in tax to compensate for the fact that they would be paying a significant tax bill early to get entry into this scheme. The result would be that very few people would use this arrangement unless they were going to save significantly more than £250,000 in tax.

In other words, contrary to Farage's claim, there will be no money to re-distribute to the poorest in the UK as a consequence of the making of this arrangement, his proposed deal to favour migrants will, in fact, dramatically cut the tax cost of some very wealthy people, and the consequence will be that there will be less money to redistribute to those in need, rather than more. For Farage to pretend otherwise is for him to assume that we are all stupid.

We are not. We can spot a dodgy deal when we see one.

We can see someone who is peddling a con trick from a mile off.

And, what is more, we can spot someone who has dressed up something that only benefits the rich as something that supposedly benefits the poor when it doesn't, with ease.

And without exception, we will presume that the person making such an absurdly false claim about what they're up to is simply revealing their true agenda.

Farage is doing just that. He does not give a damn about the poorest people in the UK. This scheme reveals it. He is only interested in helping the wealthy. No one else matters to him.

If he was really serious about helping people on low income in this country, he would be talking about how he is going to reform public services so that they get what they need. His planned cuts can never deliver that.

And he would be talking about how he is going to tax the wealthy more so that the funding to compensate for the additional costs required to help those in need might be available.

He would also be talking about boosting public services, not cutting them.

But instead, what he's talking about is providing massive tax opportunities for those who wish to abuse the UK, and there will be no gain for anybody already here.

What is more, he is doing this to boost inward migration into this country.

You could not make the absurdity of this situation up.

Farage really is a conman. He is planning to boost migration in the UK, and he is planning to do so at a cost to the country, and most especially those on lower incomes who are his supporters. They really should see him for exactly what he is.