

Why are Labour MPs rebelling on disability benefits?

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I would love to think that Labour MPs are rebelling over the issue of cuts to payments to people with disabilities because they had found a moral backbone, at last. However, this article in the Guardian then came to my attention, [and as it notes](#):

At least 80 Labour MPs are at risk of losing their majorities over proposed welfare cuts, according to data shared between Labour MPs who are warning the government that the changes “pose a real electoral risk”.

The analysis suggests almost 200 Labour MPs have a majority smaller than the number of recipients of personal independent payments in their constituencies – a significant number in northern England “red wall” seats.

So, are these MPs really worried about the ethics of this, or are they just rebelling to save their own skins? I wish I knew the answer to that, except perhaps I don't. I want to believe that they are ethical, and I rather strongly fear that they are not.