

Funding the Future

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I have noticed that The Spectator and other further-right publications have described the new political party that Jeremy Corbyn, Zarah Sultana, and others might create as being 'hard left'.

What is hard left about wanting people who have disabilities or who are unable to work to have the money that they require to meet their needs?

What is hard left about hating the idea of children living in poverty?

What is hard left about wanting people to have the chance to live in their own homes, providing security for them and their families, without being impoverished as a result?

What is hard left about the desire that all people have enough income to make ends meet?

What is hard left about wanting public services that work, because they are properly funded and the people who work in them are treated with the respect that they deserve?

What is hard left about caring about climate change, and the future of our children and life on this planet?

What is hard left about wanting peace?

What is hard left about caring for others, whoever they are?

What is hard left about wanting for others what you might desire for yourself?

What is hard left about believing in democracy?

What is hard left about understanding that markets fail, since they very obviously do, and that as a result, we need the state to underpin and regulate them to make sure that they are fair?

What is hard left about thinking that everyone should have an equal voice in our

society?

What is hard left about wanting that society be fair?

What is hard left about believing in the state when it is very obvious that we are going to have one?

What, in summary, is hard left about caring?

Someone from The Spectator, or other right-wing papers, needs to answer these questions, because what they are doing is promoting the opposite.

Why would you do that?

What would motivate you?

And how do you think that good outcomes might result?

As far as I can see, there is nothing hard left at all about any of the above things. In fact, what they represent are the Christian values and those of other faiths that the right wing of politics claims to be dedicated to. So, what is so wrong with these ideas when a politician actually espouses them?

And why is it that the right-wing makes it so easy to spot the difference between the things that they say, and the actions that they take?

Why is it, as a consequence, that their politics is so laden with hypocrisy?

And why is it, as a result, that they are so terrified of people who want to walk their talk, and respect the world and those in it, that they feel they must describe them as hard left?

I wish I knew, but I don't, because their mindset is, as far as I can see, beyond the reasonable comprehension of any caring human being. And I put the emphasis on the word 'caring'.