

## Farage vs the vulnerable

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*This is the first in a series of posts on the politics of Nigel Farage and Reform, all of which treat the two as effectively synonymous, as history has proven that to be the right thing to do.*

*Each post asks the same question - Why vote for reform? - within a different context.*

*A summary of all the posts to date will be provided at the end of each post in due course.*

*Each post is also appearing on YouTube and other social media platforms.*

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### **Introduction**

Nigel Farage says he wants to slash benefits if Reform comes to power. But who actually relies on benefits in the UK? The truth may surprise you:

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The vast majority of benefit spending goes to pensioners and people in work.

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Only a few per cent go to the unemployed.

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Millions of families depend on Universal Credit to cover rent, food, and bills.

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Disability support and help for children with special needs would be cut too.

Farage's plans would devastate millions of households. Poverty would explode. And even if you think you're not directly affected, someone you know almost certainly would be.

This video explains why voting for Reform is voting for hardship — for yourself, your family, your friends, and your neighbours.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rkuJ05z4xBI?si=DyCCKFqpBJIBBA\\_0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rkuJ05z4xBI?si=DyCCKFqpBJIBBA_0)

### ***This is the transcript:***

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Why would anyone vote for Reform?

Why, in particular, would anyone vote for Reform when Nigel Farage is promising big benefit cuts in this country?

That's despite the fact that what we know is that millions of people are dependent upon benefits in the UK.

The vast majority of those people are either pensioners, because pensions are, of course, a benefit in the Nigel Farage world, or they're working because most universal credits and most disability allowances go to people who are in work, and a tiny proportion of all benefits go to the unemployed - maybe 2% or 3%.

The fact is that for the vast majority of people who get benefits in the UK, they're essential to cover the rent, to cover the bills, to cover food, to put literally meals in front of children.

There are literally millions of families who rely on universal credit to try to make ends meet, and despite that, we know the number of children in real poverty in the UK is rising.

And, Nigel Farage also wants to end some benefits that come in kind, like the support for children who need it at school because they have special educational needs, or the support that is supplied to people because they have disabilities of some sort or other.

Nigel Farage wants children to suffer.

He wants millions of people to suffer.

He wants to punish people for being poor.

He wants them to lose their homes because they won't be able to pay the rent.

He wants to make the disabled and the vulnerable the most hard-up people in the UK, and those least able to take part in our society.

The fact is, poverty will explode under Reform. And even if you think you won't be impacted by what Nigel Farage is talking about - although many millions of people who might vote for Reform will be - I can almost guarantee you that somebody you know would be really badly hit by what Farage is proposing.

Ask your family.

Ask your friends.

Ask your neighbours.

Ask about who needs benefits? Who's got benefits? Who couldn't survive without benefits? And then realise that Farage's cuts would destroy lives.

Why would you want to vote for that to happen? I'm completely bemused by the action of anybody who did.

Please care about your neighbours.

And care about the fact that Farage wants to destroy their well-being, and think again about Reform.

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### ***Taking further action***

If you want to write a letter to your MP on the issues raised in this blog post, there is a ChatGPT prompt to assist you in doing so, with full instructions, [here](#).

***One word of warning, though: please ensure you have the correct MP. ChatGPT can get it wrong.***

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