

Funding the Future

It's time to end all political donations

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As [the Guardian](#) reported yesterday:

Political donations from British citizens living abroad are to be capped at £100,000 a year from Wednesday, in a move that is likely to limit further funding from Reform UK's Thailand-based mega-donor, Christopher Harborne.

In a hugely significant move, the government said it would introduce the strict cap, as well as a temporary ban on donations in cryptocurrency, in its new representation of the people bill.

I do, of course, welcome this, but as I tweeted yesterday:



The move is, in other words, good, but a long way from sufficient. Until all bit small, personal donations to UK political parties are banned, the risk of corruption is not eliminated. We desperately need state-funded political parties in the UK, and we are nowhere near having them due to the Labour Party's obstinacy, which runs alongside its refusal to consider proportional representation.