

No Hiding Place



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There is a general feeling that the rich don't pay their fair share of taxes. We in Reform UK Scotland believe that this is true, but not necessarily because of any wrongdoing or illegality.

The fact is that the UK's tax regime is the most complicated in the developed world, and runs to over 20,000 pages (five times the combined length of all the Harry Potter novels). It is so complicated that even HMRC are frequently mistaken in their interpretations of their own rules. A well-heeled client can often pay a wily and knowledgeable accountant to find a way around the laws to legally avoid paying tax.

The reason that this is possible is because of the complexity of the rules. Reform UK will reduce the size of the tax code to 500 pages or so in quick order, and then start the process of serious simplification. This will be the first obvious manifestation of our need for transparency and simplicity in government.

This will reduce taxes for everyone except the very rich: they will pay more and the rest of us will pay less, partly because of the offset from the better-off but also because the simpler tax will be very much cheaper to administer and collect. Small business owners will also benefit greatly, as more time can be spent on their business and less on satisfying HMRC. Larger businesses will not be able to disguise profits and will pay more.

The overall tax take will be much better spread, business productivity will improve and life will be that little bit less taxing .

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