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How tackling data can advance accountability
and public interest reporting

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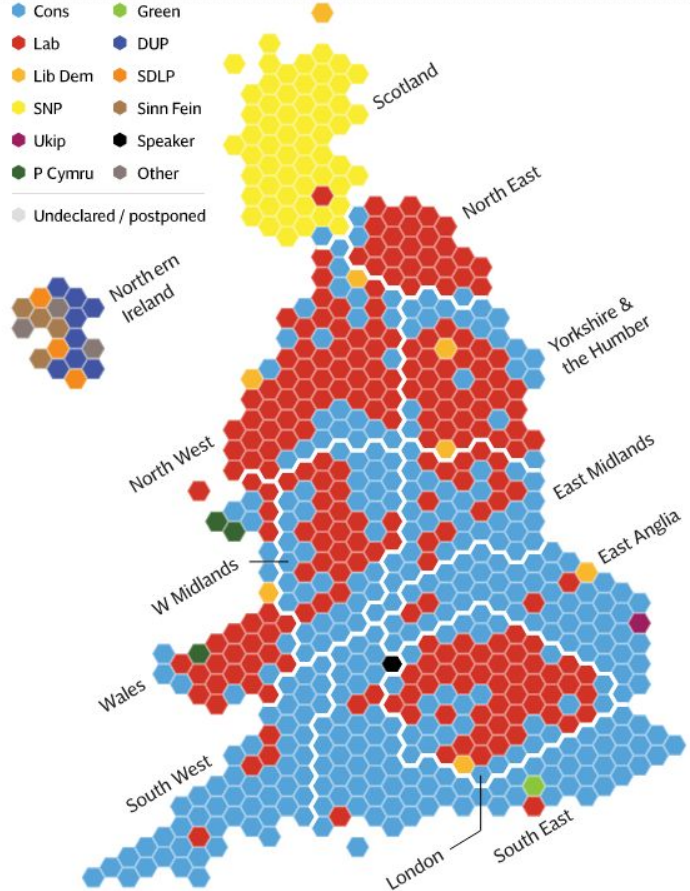
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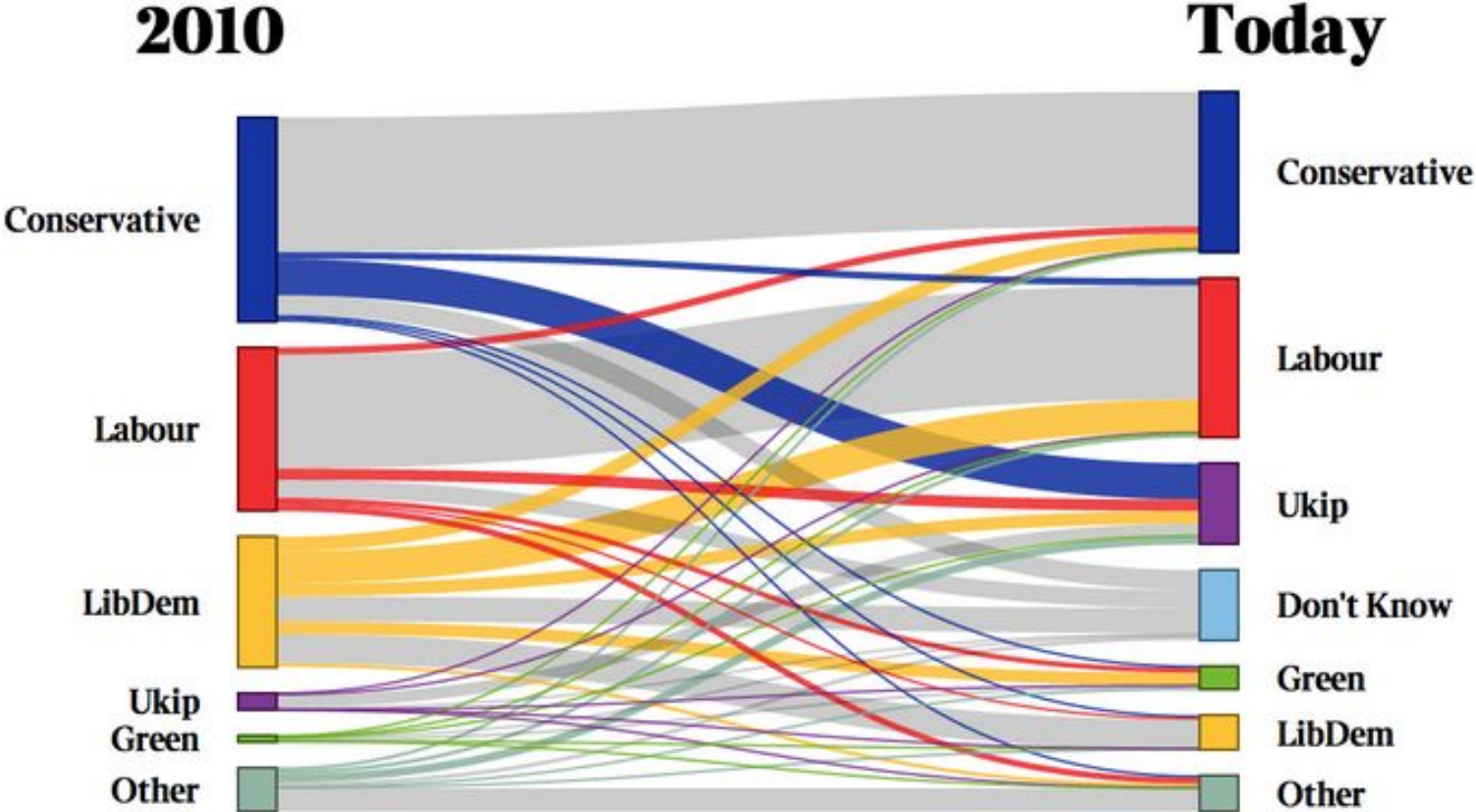


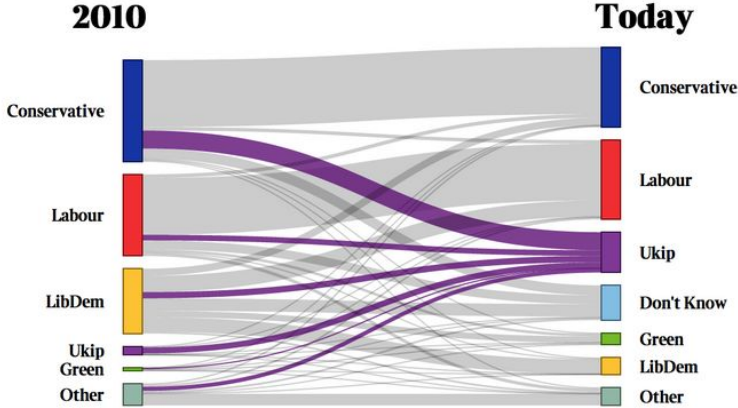
Balance of Parties, July, 1895.

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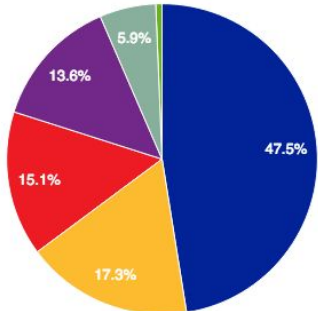
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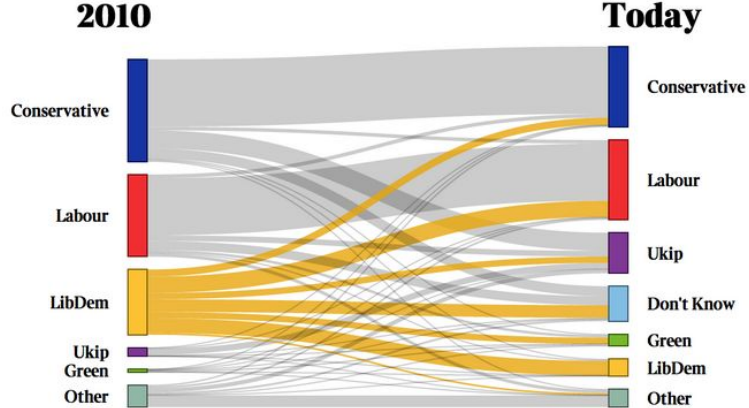




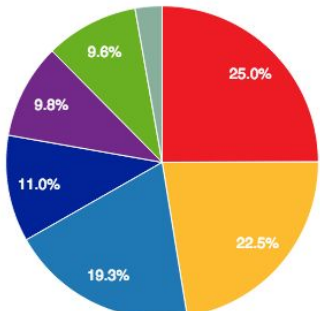
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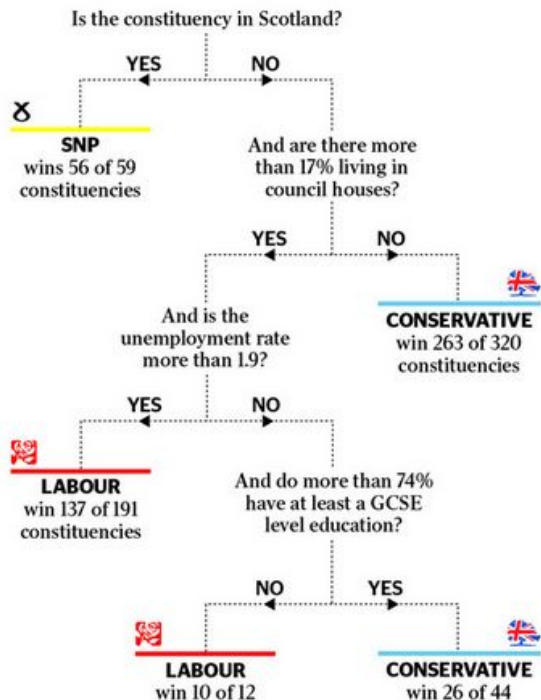
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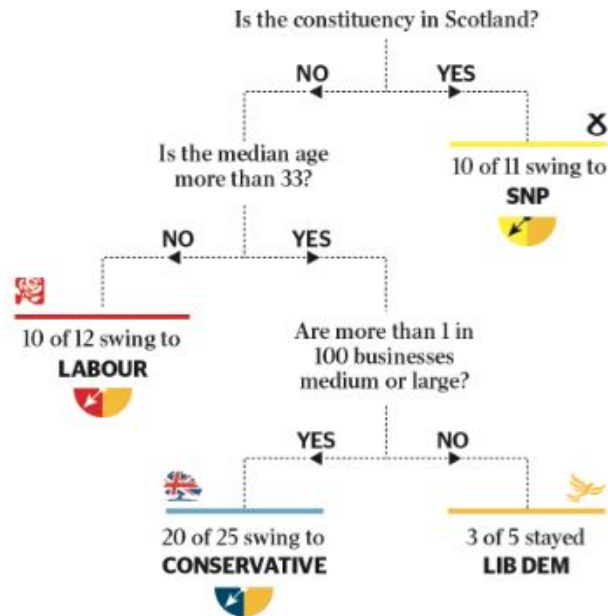
The UK divided

Housing was the most important factor in this election. The vast majority of constituencies with low levels of council housing went to the Conservatives. In the remaining constituencies, Labour won seats in areas of high unemployment and lower education levels. Conservatives took what's left - except in Scotland where the SNP now dominates.



Liberal Democrat seats held and lost

The only party with an interesting swing dynamic is the Liberal Democrats. While Labour lost Scotland to the SNP and the Conservatives barely moved, the Lib Dems took a hit. They lost their Scottish seats to the SNP, their younger constituencies to Labour and their older seats with more big business to the Conservatives.



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The tax avoiders

Alexi Mostrous Special Correspondent

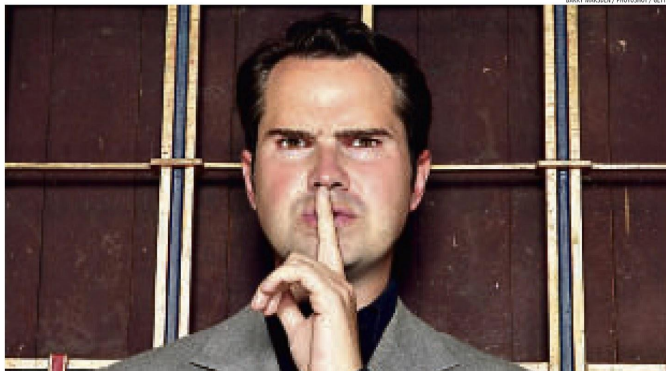
Thousands of wealthy people in Britain pay as little as 1 per cent income tax using “below the radar” accounting methods, part of a tax avoidance industry that costs the country billions of pounds.

An investigation by *The Times* into tax avoidance begins today with the exposure of a single Jersey-based scheme that shelters £168 million a year from the taxman.

Jimmy Carr, the comedian who performed for the Queen at the Diamond Jubilee celebrations this month, is understood to be the largest beneficiary of the K2 tax scheme.

Mr Carr shelters £3.3 million a year through K2, which is used by 1,100 tax avoiders, according to an accountant selling the scheme.

When *The Times* approached Mr Carr, his lawyers confirmed his membership of K2. They denied any wrongdoing and said that the scheme had been disclosed to the relevant bodies in



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delighted to inform you that most of the powerful tax-saving opportunities survived unscathed.”

Posing as an IT consultant earning £280,000 a year, a *Times* reporter contacted a number of avoidance specialists offering schemes to people on salaries above £100,000. Mr Lyness promised that K2 could slash a hypothetical tax bill of £127,000 to only £3,500, equivalent to a personal income tax rate of 1.25 per cent.

“It’s a game of cat and mouse,” he said. “The Revenue closes one scheme, we find another way round it.”

“It’s like a sat-nav. I’m driving to Manchester, get a message saying there’s a smash at Stoke, press this button to re-route. That’s all we do with tax avoidance. The Revenue puts a block in, we just go round the block.”

K2 works by transferring salaries

It’s just like a sat-nav.
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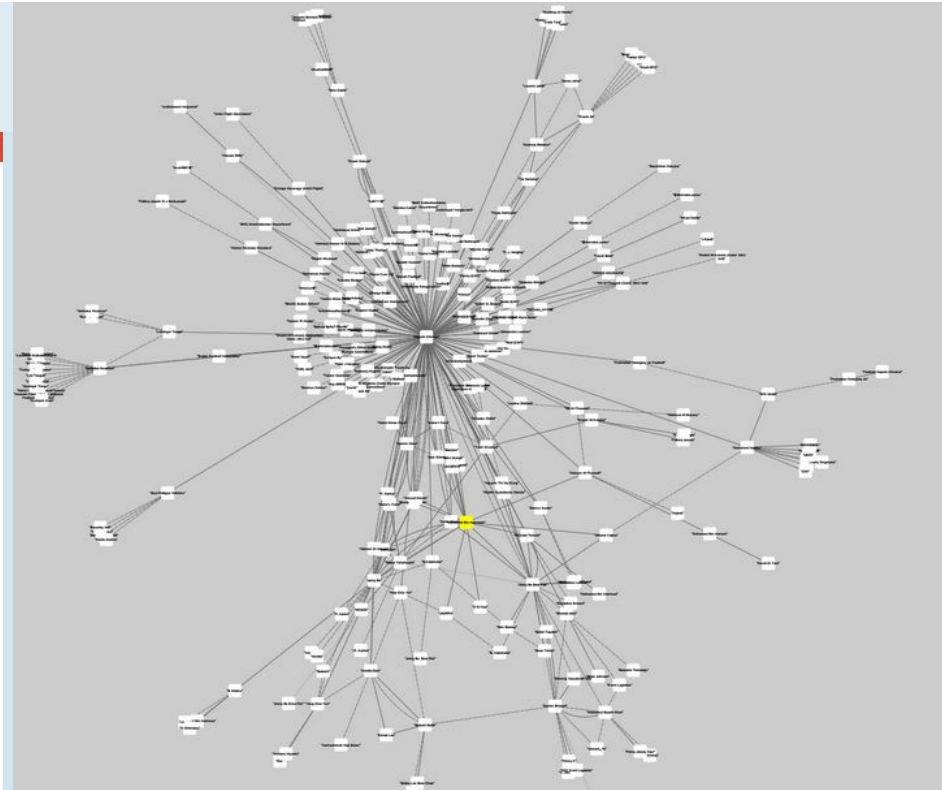
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Please find attached payment voucher for your kind attention as per requested by Mr Meshadi (cash advances for CAF guests).
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Best regard,
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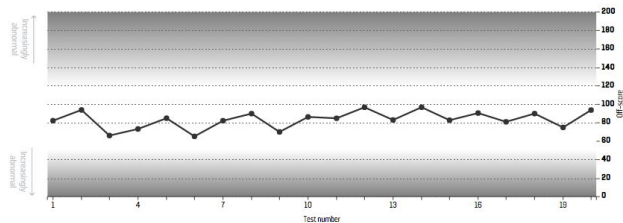
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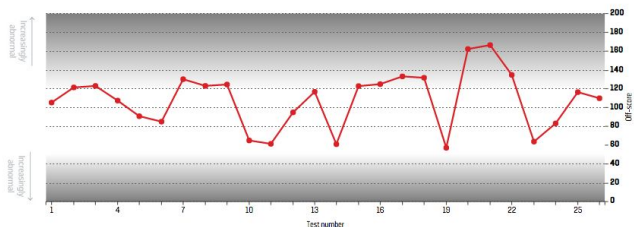
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London Olympics were 'sabotaged' by Russians

Huge state-sponsored doping programme revealed

Mark Dickinson Geneva

Russia faces being banned from the Olympics in Rio next year after investigators found that it "sabotaged" the

beries of the FSB, the Russian security service, infiltrated anti-doping work by posing as engineers at the South African Olympics. Laboratories are thought to have been bought as part of a wider

tribes to cover up raised tests. "It may be a residue of the old Soviet system," Mr. Pound said.

Vitaly Mutko, the Russian minister of sport, was implicated, he added. "It was

athletics. Interpol is investigating allegations that Laraine Diack, the former president of the International Association of Athletics Federations, and associates took more than £1 million in

Almost half of migrants from EU are on benefits

Sam Coates, Bruno Waterfield
Michael Savage

David Cameron will today place a four-year ban on EU migrants claiming benefits as the fallout of his renegotiation of Britain's membership of the European Union.

The prime minister will back up his demand with the claim that nearly half of all new arrivals from the EU are claiming benefits.

He will say that 43 per cent of EU migrants rely on the support of the UK benefits system during their first four years in the country. This represents 224,000 EU nationals out of 526,000 new arrivals.

About 348,000 of these claimants, some 46 per cent, receive tax credits, housing benefit and other welfare benefits available to people in work.

Downing Street said that EU migrants entitled to so-called "in-work" benefits claimed an average of £5,000 per family, costing UK taxpayers £38 million in 2013. Under the government's planned reforms, none of these claims would be permitted for migrants in their first four years.

No 10 also said that the figures suggested that more than 10,000 recently arrived EU families claimed over £10,000 through in-work welfare in 2011. A government source said that the new analysis made clear the need for changes to the welfare rules, and the four-year benefit ban will reduce the financial incentive for EU migrants to come to Britain in the first place.

"Because of how generous the UK's in-work benefits can be, it can make financial sense for an EU citizen to go from an average wage elsewhere in Europe to a minimum wage in the UK using the in-work benefits to top up the

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GPs award £2.4bn deals to their own companies

Times investigation reveals conflicts of interest

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Times Data Team

Groups of family doctors who control local NHS budgets have handed at least £2.4 billion of taxpayers' money to organisations that their members own or work for, *The Times* can reveal.

GP-led groups are responsible for spending NHS funds locally, creating the potential for conflicts of interest because doctors can effectively pay themselves for clinical services.

An investigation by *The Times* and the rules because the doctors declared the interest and abstained during decision-making.

Health chiefs could be questioned by MPs over their control of NHS budgets after Meg Hillier, the chairwoman of the House of Commons public accounts committee, said that there was a governance issue. "There's a problem with the systems that people are getting tied up in knots like this and it does not look good for the taxpayer," she said.

She said that the committee would be looking into the spending of the groups, arguing that it was not good enough for



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Scandal of consultants earning £1,000 a day

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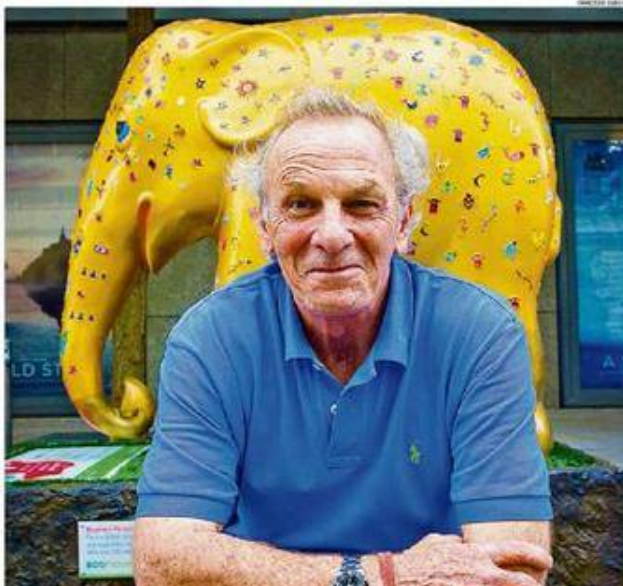
Local councils are rehiring staff they have recently made redundant in a "scandalous" £5 billion spending spree on agency and consultancy workers, an investigation by *The Times* has revealed.

Dozens of authorities have splashed out more than £50 million with five spending above £100 million since 2010-11. Much of the money has been used on agency social workers but an increasing amount is now going on interim managers and consultants.

Association and head of HR at Hertfordshire county council, said that social workers often went back to councils whom they had worked before, but this was also the case for higher paid staff.

"Many go to the private sector for better pay in legal, finance and HR or general management roles. There is a big chance that local government will pay the same for them to come back as consultants," she said.

A freedom of information request showed that the worst offenders in agency expenditure include the biggest councils, the counties and London boroughs. Birmingham city council was





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