Osborne’s recipe

Only a sustainable recovery can lift UK living standards

George Osborne’s fourth speech at the Conservative party conference as chancellor was a triumph. He showed that the government is on track to take the UK back from the cliff edge of recession and has a long-term plan that is working. Ed Miliband’s shift to the left in his speech this week is a further indication that his conference is offering Osborne the chance to present the economic recovery as a story of growing prosperity and rising living standards in coming years.

The chancellor was right to point out that the economy has turned a corner and is making progress. The last two weeks of the Labour opposition have been marked by the empty promise of Labour’s “big society” and the worrying signs of a return to the bad old days of unemployment and the erosion of living standards.

Miliband’s speech on Tuesday was a retreat from the political plan that he seemed to have presented at this conference last year. The chancellor was quick to point out that the Labour leader had promised to make Labour the alternative to Osborne’s plan – but where is that plan now?

Wounded demons

Revolutionary alternative, not capture

Geneva begins to tickets the violent for right, but needs help

Green’s foreign-far, Golden Dawn party poses a daunting challenge for the West. It is a direct threat to the stability of the country, its democratic values and its future as a European nation. The party’s election results, which were obtained by manipulation and fraud, have been endorsed by the European Parliament. The party’s rise to power is the result of a series of factors, including the economic crisis and the rise of authoritarianism in Europe. The party’s leaders have been allowed to escape justice, despite the evidence of their crimes.

Mugabe shows no willingness to receive western overtures

From Mr Alison Bell Mccollum:
Mr Robert Mugabe’s (‘Five up to reality and starting to talk to Master’) post is both stark and the first test of the new administration in Zimbabwe. The government has expressed its intention to pursue a policy of economic reform and political stability. The new administration has also been faced with a range of challenges, including the need to address the high levels of inflation, rising unemployment, and the need to improve the standard of living for the many Zimbabweans who are living in poverty.

Comment

Merkel might rock the boat and turn Green

A crucial moment in her political career, Angela Merkel, the German chancellor, has stood out for her competence, her pragmatism and her determination. She has been able to lead her country through a long and difficult period, and her leadership has been a source of inspiration to many.

But with the European Union facing a crisis of confidence, Merkel’s record is being scrutinized. The chancellor has faced criticism for her handling of the eurozone crisis and her approach to economic reform. There are concerns that her policies are not sufficient to address the challenges facing Europe, and that she is not doing enough to promote growth and job creation.

The chancellor has proved to be a dæredive when transformative moments lay right in front of her

Now that the party has held its conference, and the Conservative Manifesto has been published, the prime minister is facing a crucial moment in her political career. The choice she makes now will have a profound impact on her ability to lead the country and deliver the change that the country needs.

The options are clear. She can choose to go it alone, relying on her own judgment and instincts. She can choose to work with others, seeking a consensus and building a broad base of support. She can choose to listen to the people and to the experts, and to make decisions based on the best available evidence.

The decisions she makes now will shape the course of the country for years to come. They will determine whether she is able to deliver the change that the country needs, and whether she is able to build a stronger, more prosperous and more united society.