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The statistics the UK provides for “employment” is often biased as it only takes into account numbers on jobseekers benefits which are often fiddled by putting people on temporary training courses during times where statistics are being read thus reducing the figure when they need as this removes someone from being statistically counted, on top of this they have also illegally withheld housing benefits and other benefits from people for such long terms that they are forced to be unable to claim jobseekers any longer through their home being repossessed and being unable to look for work, and as a result pushing them onto the “poverty and social exclusion” table rather than deemed unemployed, thus giving the government “good figures” of the UK economy while really the main statistic should be the poverty table
http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020/europe-2020-in-your-country/united-kingdom/progress-towards-2020-targets/index_en.htm where the UK is far from the EU leader, and has nearly a quarter of its population deemed at risk of poverty.

The employment rate is http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020/europe-2020-in-your-country/united-kingdom/progress-towards-2020-targets/index_en.htm only 74% while unemployment is stated to be 7.6%, that’s nearly a 20% gap in the country which goes unaccounted for, possibly being illegally treated by the government having their benefits withheld and forced into situations where they cannot claim due to the government illegally withholding benefits and not being held to account, not only that severe acts of maladministration are ignored by the local government ombudsman, and also individuals are blamed for missing a jobseekers session after having a letter stating their home has been repossessed after attending jobseekers for 7 months attempting to resolve the matter and being ignored, and being blamed for not attending after this clearly defining statement showing they can no longer attend as a result of the government withholding benefits.

This is just an example of one case where government statistics are clearly wrong and being used to cause further wrongs without any system in place to prevent abuse by the government.

On top of this I would also recommend looking into MP’s expenses and placing harsher punishments upon those who make unnecessary claims and abuse the system

Some statistics are required but often they are misused or misrepresented, they should be accurate and true statements, for example the statistic where unemployment is used, the prime minister himself is often misrepresented to be stating that employment is at an all time high when clearly nothing has been increased in employment but instead those on jobseekers have been cut off.

I suggest true and accurate statements and statistics should be held, and government accounts do need to be taken but also used to put things right, as MP’s expenses on top of already large wage packets need to be taken into account especially in a time of austerity where the government needs to cut down it’s costs, it can use statistics correctly to correctly reduce costs, increase taxes where necessary upon the rich where no tax raise has occurred for a VERY long time according to the europa
reports, and stop cutting off those in need of benefits who are looking for work and facing illegal sanctions and delays.

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