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The turbulent debate about financing higher education is entirely unnecessary. There is a solution that is simple, workable and with important advantages for all concerned.

Everyone agrees on the core problems. Britain's universities are underfunded, students are poor and the proportion of students from the lowest socioeconomic backgrounds has not changed significantly in 40 years. Inadequate funding of higher education puts national economic p