

If you're an optimist you're not looking at the same st...

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The [FT says](#) twice as many business leaders say that the world economy is going to improve in the next six months than think it is going to get worse, according to the [FT/Economist global business barometer](#).

Well, I presume the survey does say that but I find that distinctly weird, or yet further evidence that these people are utterly out of touch.

The Euro is in crisis and has no clue what to do about it.

Japan is in recession. We totter in the brink. The GOP in the US want to quite literally tear the government down through acts of gross irresponsibility. The High Street is making clear that people aren't buying. Savings ratios are staying high with good reason. Unemployment is high: I think it will rise still.

But I guess if you're a baker, commodities dealer, oil company or other rentier then sure, things look just dandy.

That's the disconnect that we now suffer between business and economic reality.

And it's good reason for saying the interests of business (especially big business) should be ignored when much policy is set: what's good for them is not good for us. Surely that's obvious now?