

Funding the Future

Illth

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Ian Hislop referred to the 'illth' during his programme on banking last night.

It's a great word.

According to [Websters it means](#):

: the condition of being economically unprosperous or miserable <the glaring disparity between the state's natural wealth and its human **illth** - **Christian Century**>

or : something that produces or is symptomatic of illth <much of the goods on our shelves is wealth rather than **illth** -**Nation**>

John Ruskin **first used it, as the opposite for wealth. But he didn't mean poverty: he meant the materialism that consumes the owner: the ill being of material accumulation. It works.**