

# Why would charities not want more money?

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I was bemused by most charities [at the event I spoke at last night](#).

I [put forward a proposal that would increase the total funding for charity](#).

They said they'r rather keep the lower funding wealthy philanthropists provide now.

And they very emphatically did not want government match funding of all gifts instead of the somewhat lower amount that gift aid gives now because that, they said, would make that funding government spending and subject therefore to government whim.

Tax relief is government spending.

And as the current proposal shows, that relief is very much the subject of whim.

Try as I might I could find no logic at all in the argument of those opposing my idea, and I was left with the feeling that all they want is the status quo.

And [that's not what charities should desire](#).