

Suppose we all avoided tax?

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David Aaronovitch asked a good question in the Times this morning. It's behind a paywall so I won't quote exactly but the essence was simply "what would happen if everyone did a Jimmy Carr and did not pay their tax"?

No NHS.

No education.

No pensions.

No social services (and wait until you or a relative need them - and then see what you think)

No defence.

No law and order.

And on and on.

Society would fail.

That's what happen when people free-ride.

That's why tax avoidance is immoral. Free-riding is cheating the rest of society. At cost to us all.