

## The issue with wealth is some people's incomprehension

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As the Guardian reports this morning, and I am not going to even seek to precis this:

*The UK's six richest people [control as much wealth as the poorest 13 million](#), according to research by the Equality Trust. They are businessmen Gopichand and Srichand Hinduja (£12.8bn); Sir Jim Ratcliffe, boss of Ineos chemicals (£9.2bn); hedge fund manager Michael Platt (£6.1bn); and property developers David and Simon Reuben (£5.7bn each).*

Their combined fortune of £39.4bn jars very heavily with news that at least [135,000 children in Britain will spend Christmas homeless](#) — the worst it has been in 12 years. Polly Neate from Shelter said: “Day in, day out we see the devastating impact the housing emergency is having on children across the country. They are being uprooted from friends; living in cold, cramped B&Bs and going to bed at night scared by the sound of strangers outside.”

But [as I noted from conversations in the City](#) yesterday, the concern there is people moving home because of taxation when the concern should be people haing homes at all.

I tweeted last night on this theme, noting:

*It is said that F Scott Fitzgerald once said to Ernest Hemingway “Ernest, the rich are different from us”, to which it is said Hemingway replied “Yes, they have more money”.*

And that is the difference. But the human need remains the same. What I struggle with is the incomprehension of this reality by some, for whom the money blinds them to all else.