

# Johnson does not like the term 'austerity' but does not...

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The Guardian has reported this exchange at this evening's Prime Minister's press conference on coronavirus:

Q: **N**ational debt is rising by hundreds of billions. How great a risk is there of a new era of austerity after this?

A: Johnson says he thinks the economy will bounce back strongly.

He says the government will encourage that in a number of ways.

He says he has never liked the term austerity. It won't be part of his approach, he says.

So Johnson does not like the term 'austerity' but did not rule it out.

What's he going to call it then?

Or rather, what's Cumming's going to call it?

'Taking back the debt?'