

Wednesday thoughts

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Some Twitter posts from this morning:

-  **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 1h ▼
100 large businesses have told the government that leaving the EU without a deal will cut growth in the UK and increase job losses

And they have said they cannot manage Brexit and coronavirus

The government has chosen to ignore them

We do not have a government for business

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-  **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 1h ▼
Yesterday, we effectively left the EU without a deal

Yesterday, parliament took away our right to free movement

Yesterday, our PM pretended that re-announcing £5 billion of spending would stave off economic recession in the UK

Yesterday all my troubles did not seem so far away

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-  **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 42m ▼
Modern monetary theory does not say there is anything like a free lunch. What it says is that there is no lunch at all unless we put people to work to make it.

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-  **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 45m ▼
Everywhere I look I see the same thing. It is those who have run out of ideas doing all in their power to prevent those who have ideas using them for the betterment of us all

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-  **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 1h ▼
Modern monetary theory says that the government can spend without having to increase tax if there is unemployment. It's right.

We have a government that clearly does not intend to spend and is not ruling out tax increases.

Is it choosing to create unemployment in that case?

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