

When there is record unemployment in the UK remember th.

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The London Evening Standard had an interview with Boris Johnson yesterday. Presumably Johnson owed George Osborne, its editor, a favour. They [opened their feature on it saying](#) this:

*Boris Johnson served a “very, very blunt” warning today that the furlough scheme keeping 9.3 million people in “suspended animation” at home with the Government paying most of their wages must be wound down.*

*In an exclusive interview with the Evening Standard, the Prime Minister said it was time to be “absolutely frank” and say to Britons that staying at home is “not, in the long-term, healthy either for the economy or for you”.*

So, income support is to be removed from 11.7 million people currently receiving it in the UK, on the basis of which the government is concluding that our recovery from coronavirus is going really rather well.

And this is because the alternatives will be 'good for us'.

Maybe Boris Johnson has never looked at any of the research on the impact of long term unemployment. It's not hard to summarise it. The conclusion is that it is really not at all good for people.

But that unemployment what Johnson wants. And no doubt that is what Johnson will get. That point is, though, important. When there is record unemployment in the UK remember that this is what Johnson chose, because he has clearly done so.