

Funding the Future

Austerity illustrated - with the aid of a black and whi...

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I loved this [twitter thread by Tony Weston](#), who sometimes commented here, and think it deserves a wider coverage, so I hope he will excuse me putting it up here:

 **Tony Weston** @tonywestonuk · 13h
The majority of my followers know the deficit myth. But why do the elite want us to believe that deficits are bad?

I'll show you with assistance from an old CRT Black/White TV.



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If you have one of these there will be a brightness control. This controls how many electrons the screen gets in total - you can think of it as a surplus of electrons flowing onto the screen, powered by a deficit of electrons flowing from the TV's electric circuits.

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 **Tony Weston** @tonywestonuk · 13h
Do you see how there are white parts of the screen, where there are lots of electrons. And dark parts where there are few electrons. This is the rich and poor in society.

See how in the picture above, even the dark parts get some illuminance. Everyone gets at least some pie.

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 **Tony Weston** @tonywestonuk · 12h
There is a difference in brightness between light and dark on the screen. BUT, the relative brightness difference isn't that great...

Now, lets turn the brightness down. (Deficit reduction)... Look what's happened.....

