

Funding the Future

Friday night and Saturday morning thoughts

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From my [Twitter comments](#), best read from the bottom up:

-  **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 55m
This year it will be possible to mount a judicial review of A level results. By next year the government wants to take that right away. They want the right to impose their social engineering without any accountability. Is this the sort of government you really wanted?
3 replies 105 retweets 105 likes
-  **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 1h
By definition people who want to govern others are not normal. But you would at least hope that those who get to do so have some sense of what real life is all about. In the case of our government that's not a reasonable assumption to make.
3 replies 19 retweets 55 likes
-  **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 1h
If ministers are as indifferent to people in this country as the exam result fiasco suggests, what chance is there of an empathic response to unemployment when it impacts 5 million or more people, as I expect it to do in the next year?
6 replies 19 retweets 27 likes
-  **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 1h
What is most frightening about the exam result's fiasco is that ministers were, apparently, unaware of the anger it would give rise to. There are, I am sure, parents who are indifferent to their children's achievements, but they must be rare. Except in the Cabinet, I now presume.
5 replies 12 retweets 37 likes
-  **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 1h
The right wing of the Conservative party is meant to be libertarian. That's a philosophy that emphasises individualism. But, as is apparent from the exam fiasco, only for a limited few.
4 replies 20 retweets 48 likes
-  **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 1h
Why, if you were designing an algorithm to award marks to students, would you decide to mark everyone but those you thought the very best down?
6 replies 10 retweets 25 likes
-  **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 1h
Is it surprising that a eugenicist led government decided that whatever individual students achieved this summer the achievements of their forebears should be taken into account, and impact their life chances?
4 replies 30 retweets 61 likes
-  **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 1h
The algorithm used to award A level grades had an assumption implicit in it. That was that people can be ranked from top to bottom. Grades were awarded on that basis. The individual did not matter. Where they stood in the pecking order did. And that's a dismal view of life.
7 replies 56 retweets 99 likes
-  **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 1h
In a disastrous week for the government what's become clear is that it does not count in ones. It doesn't think each person is of consequence. Instead it's apparent that most of us are just part of an amorphous lump to

