

Funding the Future

Sunday morning thoughts

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In no particular order, [this morning's tweets](#):

 **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 1h
I seriously doubt that many Tories understand political economy, which I've always thought to be about how relationships of power impact on the distribution of resources. They, however, think they have the resources, and so have the power, which is not the same at all.

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 **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 1h
I've now reached an age where I think it likely that life on earth will outlive me. I was walking with my younger son yesterday and it became apparent he does not necessarily have that confidence for himself. That should be the focus of the UK political agenda. But it isn't.

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 **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 1h
One of the reasons for studying history was to imagine what it would be like to live in dangerous times. But now we are.

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 **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 1h
Any one of the threats facing the UK at present would be serious in itself. Failing democracy and a failing Union. Rising unemployment and inequality. Untackled prejudices. Chaos from Brexit. Covid unbeaten. And every one can be blamed on government decisions.

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 **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 1h
I'm meant to be unwinding this week. But democracy is being ridiculed. Covid-19 is increasing its threat. Massive unemployment is on the horizon. Brexit is threatening stability. Social unrest is thought likely. Some chance of unwinding.

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 **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 1h
I'm often asked why I engage with Scottish politics. There are two reasons. First, I believe in the right of a nation to govern itself. Second, Scotland is the only place where I can find people willing to believe that politics can deliver change that will improve people's lives

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 **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 1h
The big idea in mainstream British politics over the last forty years was that politics could not provide the answer to any known problem, but that markets could. And now, as markets are failing all around us the consequence is mainstream politicians with no answers to anything.

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 **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 1h
The arrogance of the Conservatives - so readily apparent in the Lords' appointments - is to think themselves beyond challenge. They are not. All politicians rule with the support of some and the consent of the rest. That consent by the rest is wavering now.

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And if moderation takes a while, so be it. There's another walk to do.