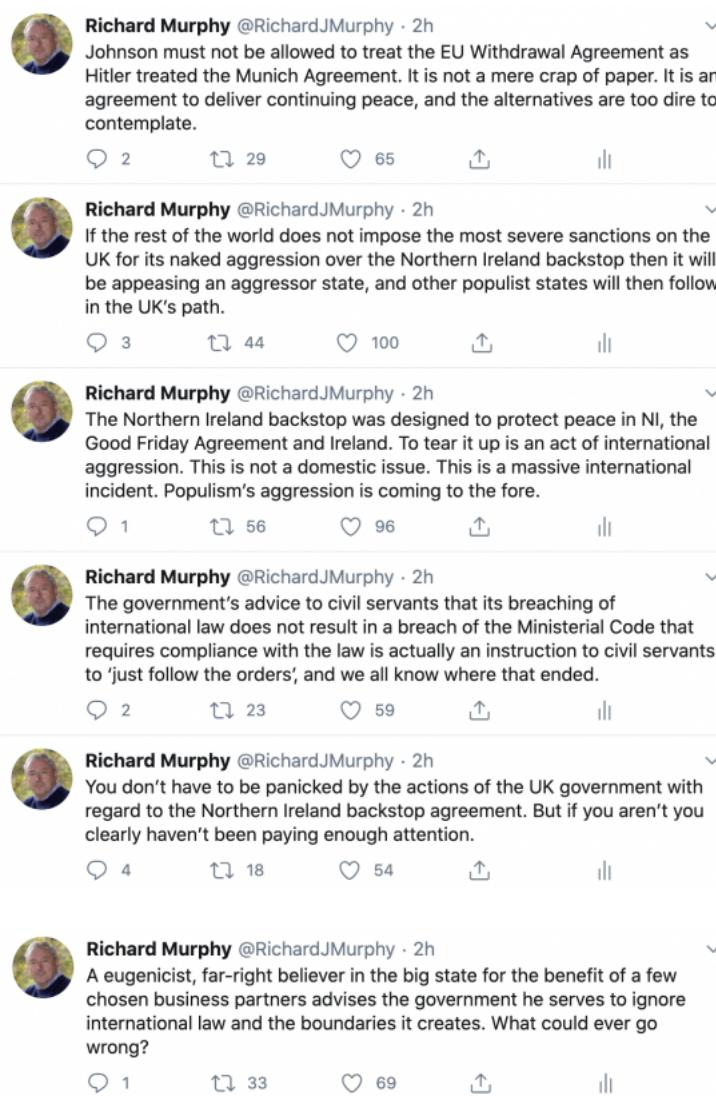


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Friday morning thoughts

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From my twitter account this morning, best read from the bottom up:



Richard Murphy @RichardJMurphy · 2h
Johnson must not be allowed to treat the EU Withdrawal Agreement as Hitler treated the Munich Agreement. It is not a mere crap of paper. It is an agreement to deliver continuing peace, and the alternatives are too dire to contemplate.

Richard Murphy @RichardJMurphy · 2h
If the rest of the world does not impose the most severe sanctions on the UK for its naked aggression over the Northern Ireland backstop then it will be appeasing an aggressor state, and other populist states will then follow in the UK's path.

Richard Murphy @RichardJMurphy · 2h
The Northern Ireland backstop was designed to protect peace in NI, the Good Friday Agreement and Ireland. To tear it up is an act of international aggression. This is not a domestic issue. This is a massive international incident. Populism's aggression is coming to the fore.

Richard Murphy @RichardJMurphy · 2h
The government's advice to civil servants that its breaching of international law does not result in a breach of the Ministerial Code that requires compliance with the law is actually an instruction to civil servants to 'just follow the orders', and we all know where that ended.

Richard Murphy @RichardJMurphy · 2h
You don't have to be panicked by the actions of the UK government with regard to the Northern Ireland backstop agreement. But if you aren't you clearly haven't been paying enough attention.

Richard Murphy @RichardJMurphy · 2h
A eugenicist, far-right believer in the big state for the benefit of a few chosen business partners advises the government he serves to ignore international law and the boundaries it creates. What could ever go wrong?