

## The Toriesâ€™ deficit deceit

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I think [this from Simon Wren-Lewis](#), written yesterday, is very good:

*[The suggestion is] that Sunak, like Osborne, only pretends to misunderstand the nature of government debt. I used to say this deficit deceit was really a pretext to reduce the size of the state, but I think we need to be more precise in the current [climate](#). Many Conservative MPs today seem quite happy about the state paying too much money out to corporations who have previously or will subsequently give Conservative politicians seats on the board, and/or have given the party financial support. What they fear is government money going to the wrong people, people who are not their friends, donors or the very rich, and who are unlikely to vote for them.*

Corruption, in other words, under the guise of deficit concern.

There is not really a lot to add to that.