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If I were a rich man, and other thoughts

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From my Twitter account this morning:

-  **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 1h ...
If I was a rich man (as the song goes) I'd probably be saying 'thank God for Covid', because all the evidence is that the wealthy have done very well out of it and everyone else is being left to pay the price
5 replies 63 retweets 186 likes
-  **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 1h ...
You don't have to be wealthy to worry about inequality, but it helps. Nothing worries the wealthy more than working out how to keep their largely unearned gains beyond the reach of governments.
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-  **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 1h ...
There is nothing beneficial about inequality. It makes the wealthy insecure, for fear they will lose it. It makes those hard up realise just how badly done by they are. So it harms mental health all round. And unless it's taxes it contributes nothing to the well-being of society.
34 retweets 82 likes
-  **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 1h ...
If the government injects £300 billion into the economy - as the UK government did last year - someone has to get it. All the evidence is that the already rich got more than anyone else. So why isn't the government planning to tax that gain back to beat the curse of inequality?
19 replies 178 retweets 339 likes
-  **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 1h ...
Swiss bankers say that one of the most unfair consequences of Covid is that the world's wealthiest people have simply got richer, free riding on the back of state support. But is the UK government planning to tax more to address this? Is it heck. We need more taxes on wealth now
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