

Funding the Future

Being rich does not make you more generous. It makes you..

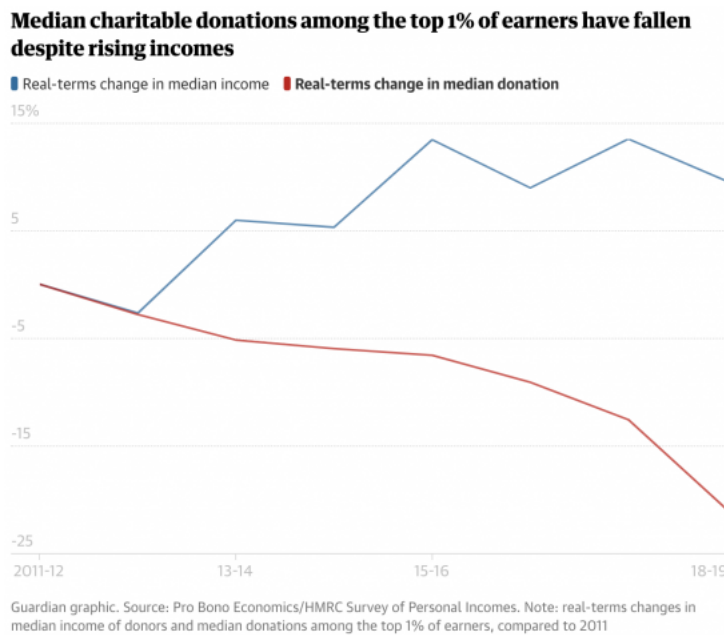
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As the [Guardian notes](#) this morning:

Approximately 344,000 highest earners who received more than £175,000 before tax accounted for 17% of the UK's pre-tax income, including capital gains, over that period but made just 6% of all charitable donations.

Being rich clearly does not make you generous: instead it makes you mean.

And this is getting worse:



Incomes of the wealthiest have risen, [as other evidence also shows.](#)

However, charitable giving has fallen.

As Thatcher's children have come to be the rich, and get richer, so the country gets

meaner.

No wonder [we get people like Rishi Sunak arguing that new covid boosters require the imposition of austerity](#). This is simply indicative of the self-serving thinking of the very rich in our society.

And it is because of the harm that these people cause, and the impact that their wealth has on growing inequality that we must [tax the multi-millionaires more](#). We do not need their money to pay for public services. What we do need is to stop the power that they have to destroy wellbeing in our society.