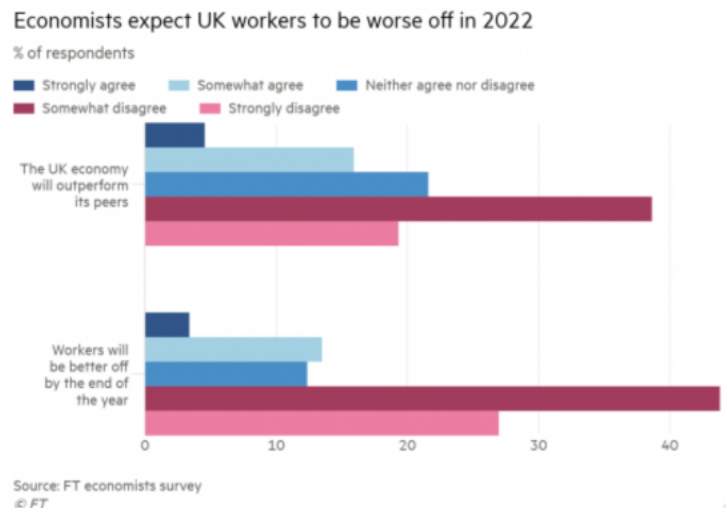


## Funding the Future

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I [have already noted this morning](#) that the general public is little enamoured with the endeavours of the UK government. It is fair to say that economists appear little more impressed, based upon a survey published by the Financial Times. They produced this result when [100 were asked for their opinions](#):



I am sure that the two or three per cent who thought that things were going to get better in 2022 must have had a reason, but I suspect that it was down to ideology. I put myself in the 60 to 70% to think that things are going to get worse. It is very hard to see how the combination of Covid, Brexit, short-term inflation threats, rising private debt and asset bubbles add up to anything but a significant threat to well-being which this government is wholly unwilling and unable to address.

It seems that fewer than 20% of economists think that there are grounds for optimism in 2022. The rest are more closely attached to the real world. This is going to be a bumpy ride.