

Funding the Future

If we are to save democracy we have a fight on our hand...

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I did not intend to write a [Twitter thread](#) this morning, but it happened anyway:

Richard Murphy @RichardJMurphy

It took time for the fear and threat of WW2 to make it apparent that when peace came nothing would be the same again. We have less time to appreciate this with regard to the war in Ukraine. Everything has changed. Will our politicians realise and deliver the policies needed?

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Replying to @RichardJMurphy
I am not talking rearming, although that will happen. Nor am I talking about reprisals. Instead I am talking about defending real democracy and freedom, so under threat in the UK and USA right now.

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I am talking about purging corruption in all its forms, onshore and offshore, because both are desperately needed, most especially in the UK where the City has turned corruption into just another product to sell.

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But most of all I am talking about an end to the attack on the state which has been the hallmark of recent politics, and which has allowed the power of corrupt money to influence government for too long not just in Russia but in the US and UK as well.

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And with that end of the attack on the state I am talking about reviving the state's role in providing the essential support to those in need, which the kleptocrats so hate.

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I am also saying we must appreciate that to defend the ideas that should differentiate us from tyranny we have to talk about state intervention - to beat climate change, to build the new energy supplies we need, and to provide the good livelihoods that are so urgently required.

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This requires that we revive the notion of the public good - which the state

We have a fight on our hands.