

What motivates the Tories to impose hardship, by choice...

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I [tweeted these two paragraphs](#) last night:

*I watched the Irish film, *Arracht* tonight. It is bleak, telling how English Tory landlords imposed starvation on Ireland in the 1840s. There was no famine. The hunger from the potato blight was avoidable. But the Westminster government imposed unimaginable hardship.*

Now a Tory government is imposing hardship by choice, again. This time it's doing it here. There's no empire now, so they're doing it at home. I am sure far fewer will die, but the misery will be as real and scar millions of lives. What motivates them to do this, voluntarily?

Am I angry?

I am.

And I will not be alone.