

The wrong economic policy

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It [is reported this morning](#) that Jeremy Hunt is planning a £60 billion package of tax increases and spending cuts to be announced on 17 November.

This, of course, may not be true and might be a deliberate Treasury misinformation exercise. But I doubt it.

I could write at length on the folly of this, and the dire outcomes that will result. Or I could share this tweet I posted not long ago:



Richard Murphy
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When facing a recession a government should:

- Cut interest rates
- Cut taxes
- Increase its spending

We are facing recession and:

- Interest rates are rising
- Taxes are increasing
- Spending is being cut

There is no worse economic policy for this moment.

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We are being driven to not just recession but to depression, and all for no reason.

But you can be sure Labour will do nothing to stop it: Starmer and Reeves talk nonsense about how they will save the country by abolishing the domicile rule whilst

this is going on in a vain attempt to disguise their own incomprehension on how public spending is really funded and their own dedication to austerity.

I despair.