

Who is it that is ratcheting inflation upwards? Is it m...

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The [Guardian has reported](#) this morning that:

Britain's biggest telecoms providers are preparing to launch inflation-busting price increases for broadband and mobile contracts this spring, hitting consumers with a combined bill worth £600m more than if these deals had matched the cost of living.

BT, EE, Vodafone, [Virgin Media](#), O2 and TalkTalk are to increase bills for tens of millions of customers under "mid-contract price rises" from April and May.

So, a simple question. Who is it that is ratcheting inflation upwards? Is it multinational corporations, such as these, or nurses, teachers and rail workers?

Isn't the answer obvious?

And what is the government doing about this base of monopoly power? It is asking very nicely if they might not increase their prices so much, knowing full well that they will be ignored.

No wonder people are angry.

And no wonder strikes are very unlikely to end soon when it is becoming ever harder for people to make ends meet.