

Trying ChatGPT

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Several discussions off the artificial intelligence (AI) app, ChatGPT, have arisen in the comments on this blog so I amused myself by trying it yesterday.

After trying various economics related ideas I thought I would do a test on a subject I think no one could dispute that I am an expert on, which is me. So I asked to about Richard Murphy, chartered accountant, and got this:

Richard Murphy is a chartered accountant, economist, and political activist based in the United Kingdom. He is best known for his work in the field of tax justice, and is the founder of the Tax Justice Network, a global network of activists and experts working to promote transparency and accountability in tax systems worldwide.

Murphy has written extensively on a wide range of issues related to taxation and public policy, including corporate tax avoidance, the role of tax havens in the global economy, and the need for tax reform to address social and environmental challenges. He has authored several books, including "The Joy of Tax" and "Dirty Secrets: How Tax Havens Destroy the Economy".

In addition to his work as an accountant and economist, Murphy is also an active campaigner for social and environmental causes. He has been involved in a number of grassroots movements and organizations, including the Green Party, and has been a vocal advocate for progressive policies on issues such as climate change, inequality, and public services.

Murphy's work has received both praise and criticism, with some viewing him as a leading voice in the fight for tax justice, and others criticizing his views as overly radical or unrealistic. However, his work has helped to raise public awareness of the issues surrounding tax justice, and has played a significant role in shaping policy debates on taxation and public finance.

One of the odd things is that once it has had a go at a topic you can ask ChatGPT to have a second go. Doing so I then got this variation:

Richard Murphy is a chartered accountant, author, and economist who is known for his work on tax justice and economic reform. He is a professor of practice in international political economy at City, University of London, and has worked as a consultant for a range of international organizations, including the United Nations and the European Union.

Murphy is the founder of the Tax Justice Network, an international organization that campaigns for greater transparency and fairness in taxation. He has written extensively on issues such as tax havens, financial regulation, and corporate social responsibility, and has been a vocal critic of the current economic system and its impact on inequality and environmental sustainability.

In addition to his advocacy work, Murphy has also been involved in the development of a number of economic policy proposals, including the Green New Deal and the People's Quantitative Easing. He has also served as an advisor to political parties and governments, including the Labour Party in the United Kingdom.

Murphy is a prolific writer and commentator, and has authored numerous books and articles on taxation, economics, and social justice. He is widely regarded as a leading expert on tax policy and has been recognized for his contributions to the field, including being named as one of the 50 most influential people in tax globally by International Tax Review in 2017.

There are obvious problems. First I am not a member of the Green Party. I have not been at City for some time. I have not been a consultant to the UN and have only advised political groups in the EU, as well as work on the EU VAT Gap. Come to that, I never advised the Labour Party. I declined the role.

I shared these results with my wife. In response she suggested 'You're so vain you probably think that chat is about you', to which I had two responses. One was, "Only partly, because it is really not reliable" and the other was "Well, in fairness, it thinks it is'"

At which point I offer three conclusions. First, this is not reliable and provides actual misinformation. Second, don't be vain with AI. Carly Simon got it right:

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