

Shouting at the television does not work

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I admit that I liked this comment from someone called Adrian [posted here earlier today](#) in response to my thread on inflation and the need for wage increases:

Watching the TV news reports on the economy just now, is painful when you know how it all really works.

It's like being a tenant in a large building where various fires are breaking out, and the whole building is in danger of going up. The building management company are in complete denial about the causes of the fires, and refusing to activate the sprinkler system or replace defective fire doors and extinguishers, because it would hit the profits of their shareholders. They're claiming, with crocodile tears, that the only solution is for the tenants to pay more rent, and stop demanding repairs and maintenance.

The tenants are getting uncomfortably hot and a bit frightened, but most of them know very little about the causes and control of fire, so they tend to believe the managers. Made worse by the local news outlets (which are controlled or influenced by the managers or shareholders) repeating what the managers say, without question. They even feature so-called experts "explaining" all this nonsense, who are either equally ignorant or toe-ing the line in order to keep their jobs. (This includes you, Robert Peston, on ITN last night, shameful).

I've tried shouting at the TV, but they take no notice of me.

I thought that very well put.