

People are dying because of the impact of inflation. Th...

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The news round is, once again, dominated by small-minded and vindictive petty squabbling this morning, with Suella Braverman in the lead.

Meanwhile, in the real world [The Guardian](#) reports:

A new modelling study suggests premature deaths – people dying before they reach 75 – will rise 6.5% this year due to the cost of living crisis, with 30 extra deaths per 100,000 people. The findings were [published in the journal BMJ Public Health](#).

The study focused on Scotland. But the researchers, from Public Health Scotland and the University of Glasgow, said “similar effects are likely across the UK as we have modelled the impact of UK government measures”.

The predicted increase in premature deaths – from a baseline 463 per 100,000 people to 493 per 100,000 – equates to thousands of extra deaths a year in the UK.

The failure to support real people through the impact of inflation - which has been and remains the policy of the government and most especially the Bank of England - is costing lives.

There should be no surprise about that. People living on the edge of existence - because that is where society has forced them to be - have died and will continue to die because of the inequality our society tolerates.

That is why I am working on the [Taxing Wealth Report 2024](#). That inequality is a choice, and not a necessity.