

YouTube short election questions: why won't UK politici...

Published: January 12, 2026, 10:05 pm

This [is today's YouTube short election](#) question:

**Why won't UK politicians
end child poverty?**
tax rate could raise that sum so easily
that no one would really notice



really notice.

 @RichardJMurphy

Election question 2 - why won't UK politicians end
child poverty?

Funding the future

[Yesterday's question](#) was viewed by more than 4,000 people.

This is the transcript for this one:

If only the UK's political parties taxed wealth more, we could end child poverty in this country. It would only cost two billion pounds a year, or maybe even a little less to do that. And increasing just one tax on wealth, the capital gains tax rate, could raise that sum so easily that no one would really notice.

But no politician is suggesting they'll do that.

Why won't they end child poverty by making those with wealth pay a bit more tax?

Isn't that what tax justice would look like?

So why won't they do it?