

# Someone needs to tell Trump that taxes need to be certa...

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I have questioned the merits of Adam Smith's [four supposed principles of taxation in the past](#), but would agree with one of them. That one is the suggestion that tax should be predictable, or certain.

And then, inevitably, we get to Trump.

About a month ago, there were going to be tariffs on Mexico and Canada.

They were, however, delayed.

Then they were threatened again.

Then they were going to start this week.

And now that is not going to be the case, apparently.

For how long this will be the case, no one knows.

You literally can't manage anything like this, let alone an international tax system with massive impacts on trade.

The reality is that all Trump is proving himself to be is an absolutely appalling manager, let alone politician.

In the face of this turmoil, indecision, uncertainty and straightforward mess, the American economy - and its people - will suffer very badly.

As far as I can see, his goal is to achieve MASA - Making America Shit Again. It's not a word I usually use here, but it seems totally appropriate. Nothing else can be the outcome of this.