

What is our government doing under the cover of chaos?

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The [FT has reported](#) this today:

The UK Department for Education has announced a last-minute cut in funding to pay for additional students at further education colleges in England this year, in another sign of looming budget squeezes across Whitehall.

Colleges will now receive only two-thirds of a top-up payment to their budgets that had been promised by the government at the start of the academic year in August, leaving principals to face tough financial choices in an already cash-strapped sector.

I think FE colleges are really important and a key component in our education system, especially for those on non-academic pathways to lives of value.

The government does, however, treat these people with contempt: no doubt Tony Blair has told them these are the people whose functions AI will sweep aside, hence the cuts.

A bigger question occurs to me though. What else is it that our obnoxiously neoliberal government is doing under the cover of the current Trump-created chaos that will deliver long-term harm to all of us in the UK?