

# Why is mental health the government's responsibility?

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This comment was made by someone called TomB [on this blog yesterday](#). I hope he will forgive me for lightly editing it for use here, but the sentiments are ones I found myself strongly agreeing with:

*It's ... the complete lack of awareness that the economic system the government values so much is what is causing so much mental ill health [that concerns me].*

*There has been a push by the previous government to offload mental health awareness onto businesses and employers, which has helped some, but the government needs to accept that if they want a healthy workforce to, let's admit it, sell to businesses, they need to look after our physical and mental wellbeing.*

*Why is it the government's responsibility? Because the economy they are presiding over is not compatible with humans.*

*Both parents have to work, for example.*

*Families struggle to spend time together.*

*Money troubles contribute to divorce rates.*

*We are separated and isolated by work.*

*Surveillance capitalism is constantly pushing its way into our lives, demanding our and our children's attention.*

*The social and family groups that humans rely on for their mental health are pulled apart and invaded by all-pervasive neoliberalism, an ideology that says society doesn't exist whilst causing enormous damage to it.*

*It's the least the government could do, [to accept responsibility for all that].*

I very much agree.

I intend to make a video around this theme. Count this as a primer.