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As if to confirm all that [the Resolution Foundation was saying](#) yesterday on stagnant Britain, the [FT has reported this morning](#) that:

*UK vehicle production collapsed in May to the lowest level since 1949 after US President Donald Trump's tariff war forced Aston Martin and other British carmakers to halt their shipments to the US.*

They added:

*Car and van production at British plants fell 33 per cent in May from a year earlier to 49,810 units, figures from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders released on Friday showed.*

But it would be unfair to blame this all on Trump:

*Output declined for the fifth consecutive month, marking the worst monthly performance in 76 years, excluding when vehicle factories were shut down during the Covid-19 lockdowns in 2020.*

Without government action, there is no way out of this mess. Markets are failing. Only the government has the means to now put the people of the UK to work to build the future we could all have and deserve if only the obsession with the private ownership of any form of economic activity were dropped. Dogma is destroying this country. Only new ideas can save it.