

It's not just the USA: we're heading down as well

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I have [just noted](#) that the US might be facing an economic tipping point this week.

Then I [read this from The Telegraph](#), which suggests that we in the UK are as well, meaning our stock exchange must follow in due course:

British business activity is expected to shrink at its fastest pace since the depths of the pandemic in 2020 amid growing pessimism since Labour took power.

Economists warned the “negative sentiment” had no end in sight, with activity across “all parts” of the British economy expected to keep shrinking over the next three months, according to the Confederation of British Industry (CBI).

Its latest barometer of private sector output ... was the most negative since October 2020, when Boris Johnson, the former prime minister announced the second national lockdown during the pandemic.

They added:

Bosses were also wary about the impact of global trade policy, even though the UK has escaped with one of the lowest additional tariffs from Donald Trump among major advanced economies.

Let's not pretend otherwise. This is not going to end well, and we have a Chancellor utterly out of step with reality whilst this is going on around her.

The portents are really not good.