

I have seen comments of late, most especially on YouTube, that imply that videos of the type [that I have posted this morning](#) are created solely because my only interest in life is in winning arguments. It is claimed that whether I am right or wrong does not matter to me: my apparent persistence is supposedly motivated by the desire to be shown to be correct, come what may.

Nothing could be further from the truth. All I am interested in is finding out what might work best to solve the problems that we face. Given the finite time and resources we all have, that is the task that I have chosen to take on. Because of that, what I am interested in are outcomes that might work to best effect for all the communities of which I am a part, however widely or narrowly they are defined.

The argument, as such, is never a priority for me. The outcome always is.

Winning the campaign is not the issue. I am solution-focused. That is all that matters.

Point-scoring does not matter if those in need are better off.

Personal advantage is inconsequential: if I had wished to pursue that, I most definitely chose the wrong career when deciding to undertake this activity in the way that I do.

So, if I challenge someone, my reason for doing so is that I believe that what they are proposing will either harm those people who need help within the society in which we live, or will not effect change in the way that is possible, meaning that an opportunity will be lost, which would always be a matter for regret.

That is it. After 45 or more years of professional experience in economics, accounting, taxation, business, finance, and life, and having been gifted the curiosity to find solutions that work, with a proven track record of doing so, all I am interested in doing is finding out what we can do best within those spheres to help people in the societies in which we all live.

Sometimes, I admit, that requires that I be robust. When you put forward ideas that are new, or initially unpopular, or which challenge the status quo, or which conflict with those that others are presenting, opposition is not only likely, but inevitable. It takes a

thick skin, persistence, and a willingness to argue your corner in that situation. I am willing to endure the unpopularity that comes from doing what I think is right, but that's not for the sake of advancing my personal interests. That is because I want the best outcomes.

It is irritating when people appear to vexatiously misrepresent my motivations. In that case, I have reiterated them for the sole point of making clear that nothing I am doing is about taking credit, winning arguments for the sake of it, or advancing my personal interest. I would just like to think that before I quit this place, I might have done a little bit more to make it better for those with whom I am sharing it, and for those who will be in it after I've gone. And if there is something wrong with that, please might you explain what it is?