

Funding the Future

Time to debate?

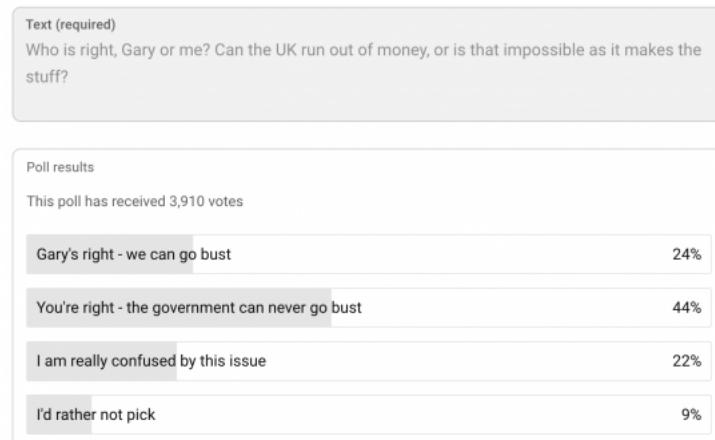
Published: January 13, 2026, 12:26 am

Yesterday's poll on the video that I produced on Gary Stevenson's comments in a video earlier this week was interesting.

This is the poll result on this blog:



On YouTube, with, as usual, a somewhat larger number of people voting, this was the outcome:



I took a deliberate risk when posting this poll because I quite knowingly set up a situation where I might have lost the vote. Admittedly, in a poll on my own site, that was less likely, but I considered the possibility because I suspected that this video would attract quite a lot of traffic, and it has. At present, it has had more than 69,000 views. In that case, the poll outcome is interesting, but also suggests three things.

The first is that this issue is not definitively decided, most especially with the YouTube audience. I have more work to do.

The second is that there is clearly more understanding that needs to be created as a consequence.

The third is based on the fact that some people did not wish to pick, which suggests that there is commonality between some of those watching those channels, and they would rather cooperate than see differences.

The outcome is that I would still like to have discussions with Gary if possible, whilst acknowledging that we have differences in understanding, which is a perfectly acceptable basis for starting a conversation.

One final point. Steve Keen and I had a discussion yesterday, and I hope to make some podcasts for this channel in a few weeks' time. His travel commitments have to be taken into consideration first.