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# The Ledger vs. The Megaphone

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# THE CHALLENGER

## GARY STEVENSON

**Former Citibank trader** turned YouTube populist economist.

## THE PITCH:

A 2% annual tax on **all wealth over £10 million** to raise **£24 billion a year** and stop the rise of a **trillionaire** class.

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# THE CHECK

## DAN NEIDLE

Institutional tax lawyer and leading technocratic voice.

## THE REALITY:

Tasked with evaluating the **actual viability of Stevenson's primary economic weapon.**

# THE POPULIST VOICE (STEVENSON)

# THE TAX TECHNOCRAT

| The Populist Voice (Stevenson) | | The Tax Technocrat |
|---|---|---|
| MORAL NECESSITY TO SAVE SOCIETY FROM EXTREME INEQUALITY | CORE ARGUMENT | Systemic reality of how tax codes and international markets actually function |
| LIVED EXPERIENCE, POVERTY LEVELS, AND ASSET HOARDING | PRIMARY METRIC | Implementation feasibility, capital flight, and actual revenue generated |
| EMOTIONAL RESONANCE AND ANECDOTAL STORYTELLING | WEAPON OF CHOICE | Clinical, rational deconstruction of policy mechanics |
| BASIC ECONOMIC VIABILITY | THE BLIND SPOT | Overwhelming public sentiment |

## Capital Flight

Liquid assets easily cross borders. The super-rich move themselves and their investments to jurisdictions like Milan, killing foreign investment.

## Asset Illiquidity

Wealth isn't cash. It is tied up in bricks, mortar, and private equity. Forcing sales to pay taxes destroys asset values.


## Bureaucratic Friction

Annually calculating the hidden, fluctuating wealth of individuals creates an unmanageable, highly costly administrative nightmare for the state.

"Absolute populist claptrap... those pushing it should be ashamed."
– Dan Neidle

# You are unable to separate your emotional reaction to inequality...

# ...from a rational assessment of the best tools for it.

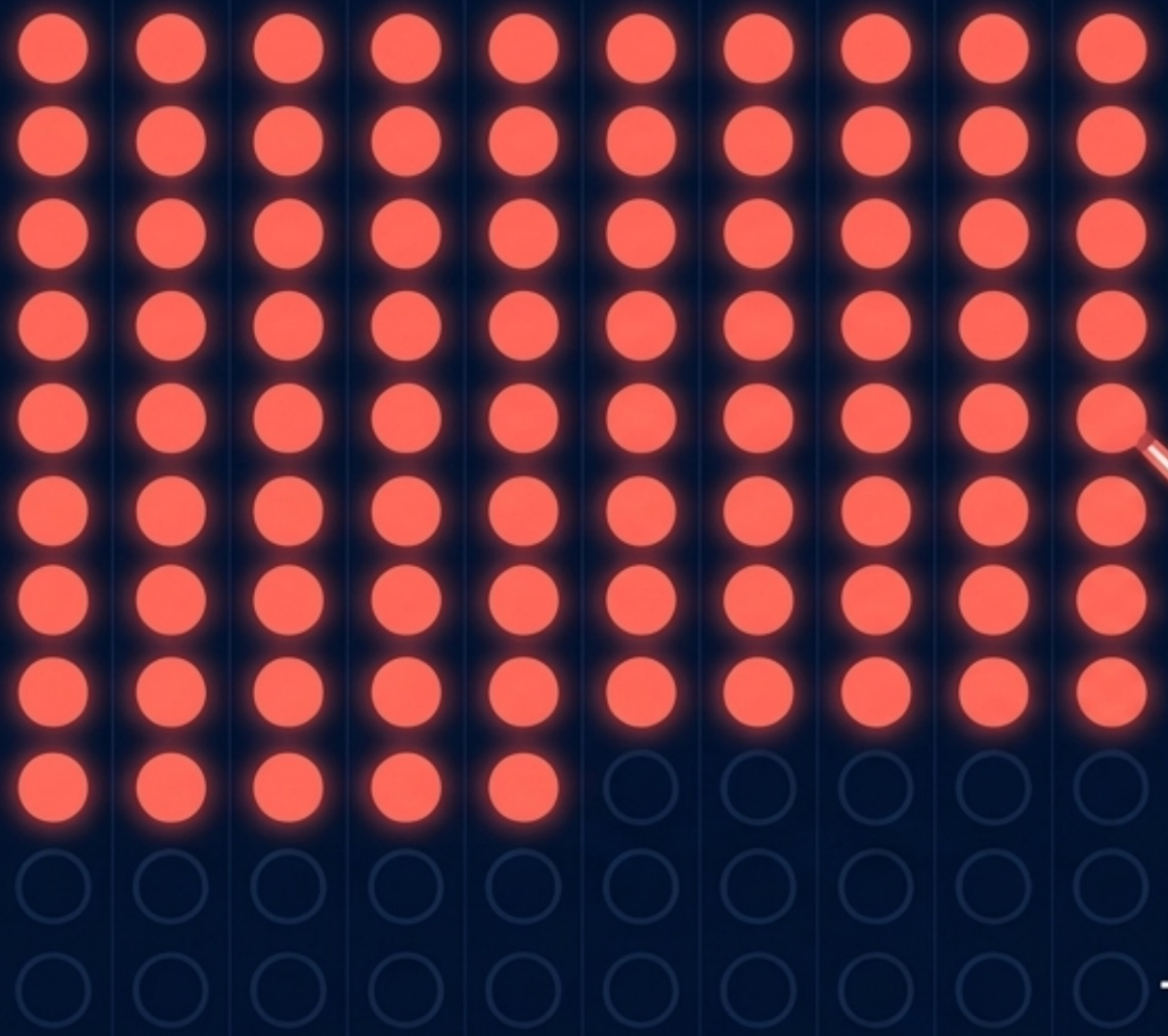
Dan Neidle, delivering the killer blow to Stevenson's proposal


The consensus was absolute. On paper, the 2% wealth tax was effectively dead.

# Dan Neidle won the math.

## But he completely missed the room.

Neidle definitively proved that the 2% wealth tax is aneconomic fantasy. But in doing so, he ignored the single metric that actually dictates government policy...



# 78%

**The Political Reality.** 78% of the British public supports a tax on net assets over £10 million (YouGov).

The Technocratic Consensus.

**‘Do you want Britain to be owned by British people… or do you want this country to be owned by foreign billionaires who can hold us to ransom?’ – Gary Stevenson, capturing the public mood over the math.**


Economic Viability
(Low to High)
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(Low to High)
Policies in this quadrant are a nightmare for governments. Ignoring them causes voter revolt; implementing them causes market revolt. The public demands a solution to the trillionaire class, even if the proposed mechanism is fundamentally broken.
The 2% Wealth Tax
The Populist Trap
(High Popularity / Low Economic Viability)
Political Popularity
(Low to High)

# The Limit of the Ledger

You cannot defeat an emotional, 78% popular movement with tax code corrections and clinical economic takedowns.

**If technocrats fail to provide a viable, working alternative to extreme wealth inequality, the public will eventually force them to enact an unviable one.**