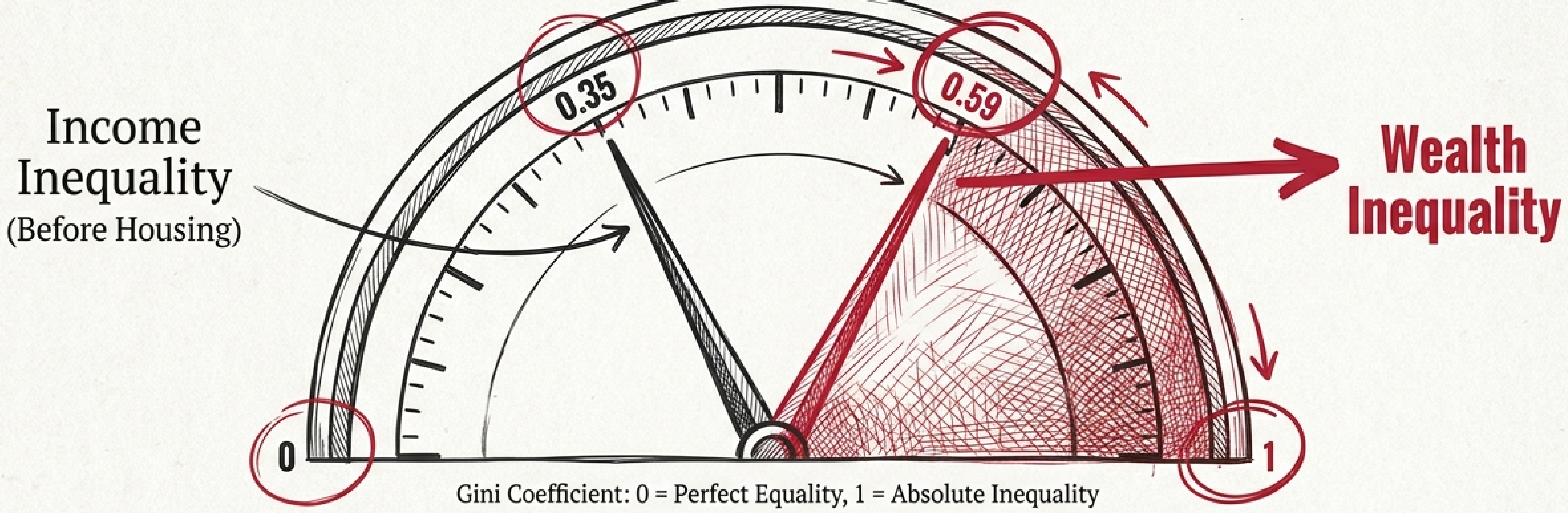
THE GREAT DIVIDE

Income

Wealth

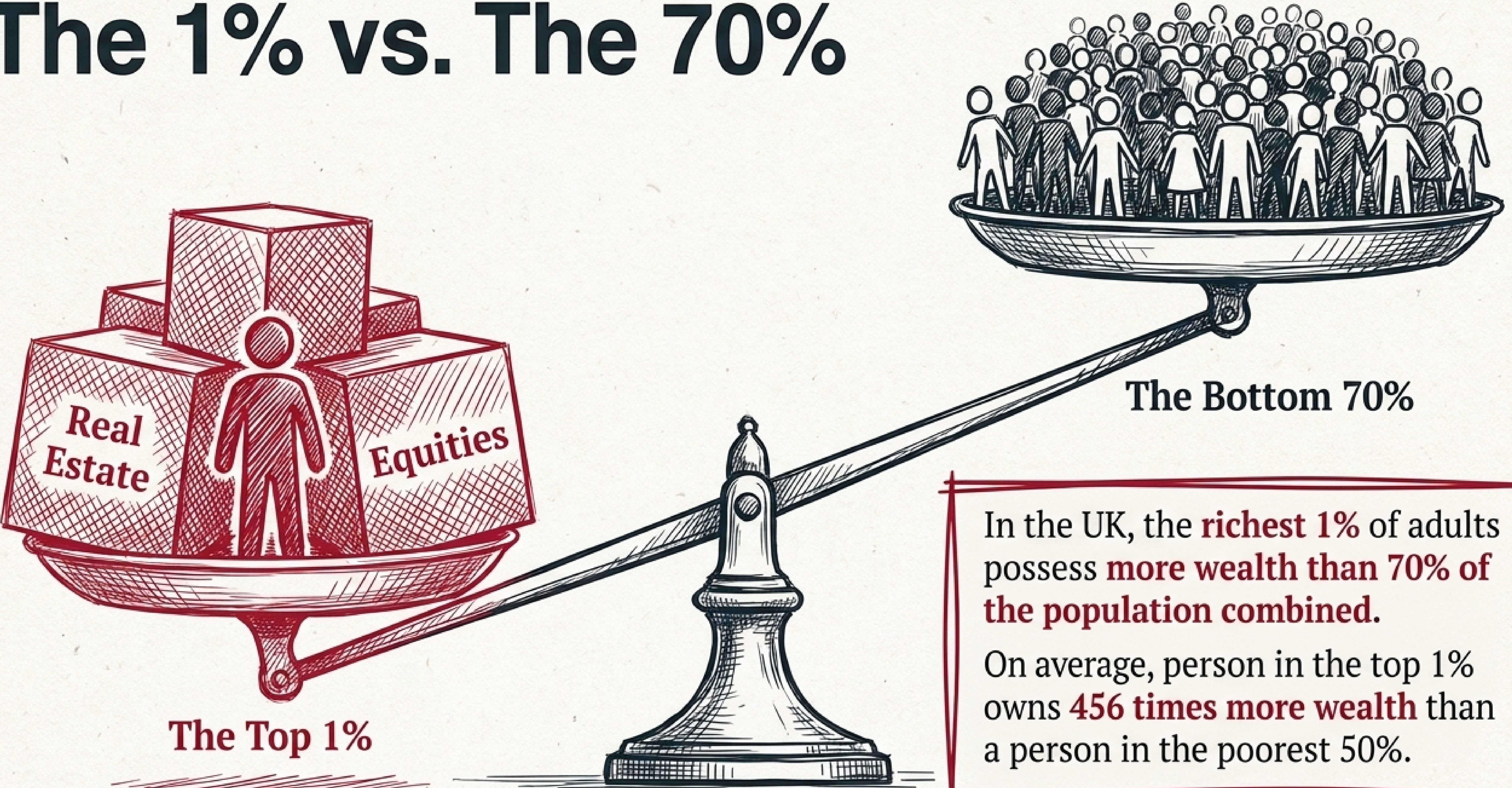
Is UK wealth inequality much worse than income inequality?

Yes. It isn't even close.



The UK has an income problem, but it has a wealth crisis. When we measure who holds the actual assets, the economic divide is radically worse than what we see in our pay packets.

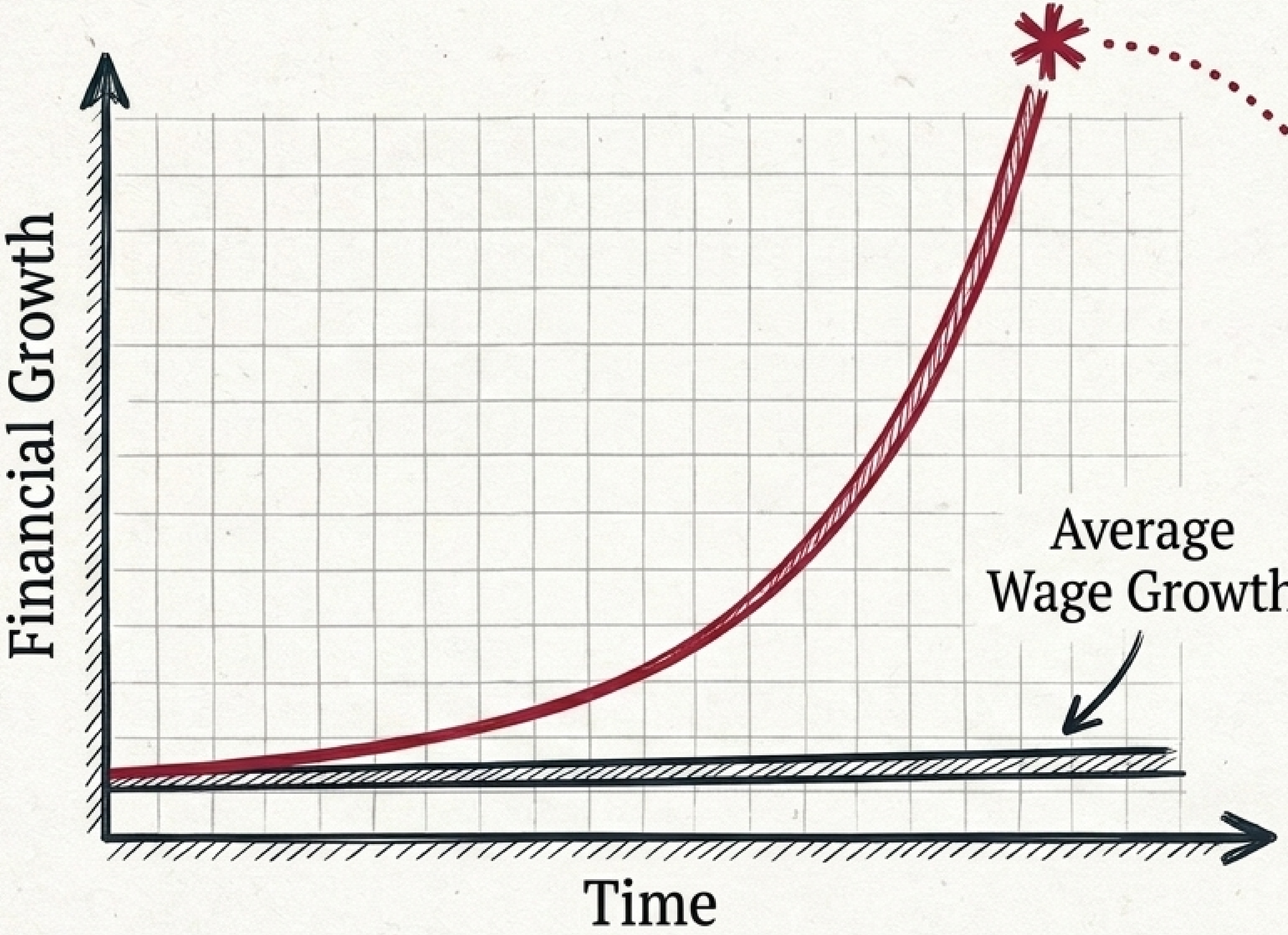
The 1% vs. The 70%



In the UK, the **richest 1%** of adults possess **more wealth than 70% of the population combined.**

On average, person in the top 1% owns **456 times more wealth** than a person in the poorest 50%.

Wealth grows faster than you can ever work.

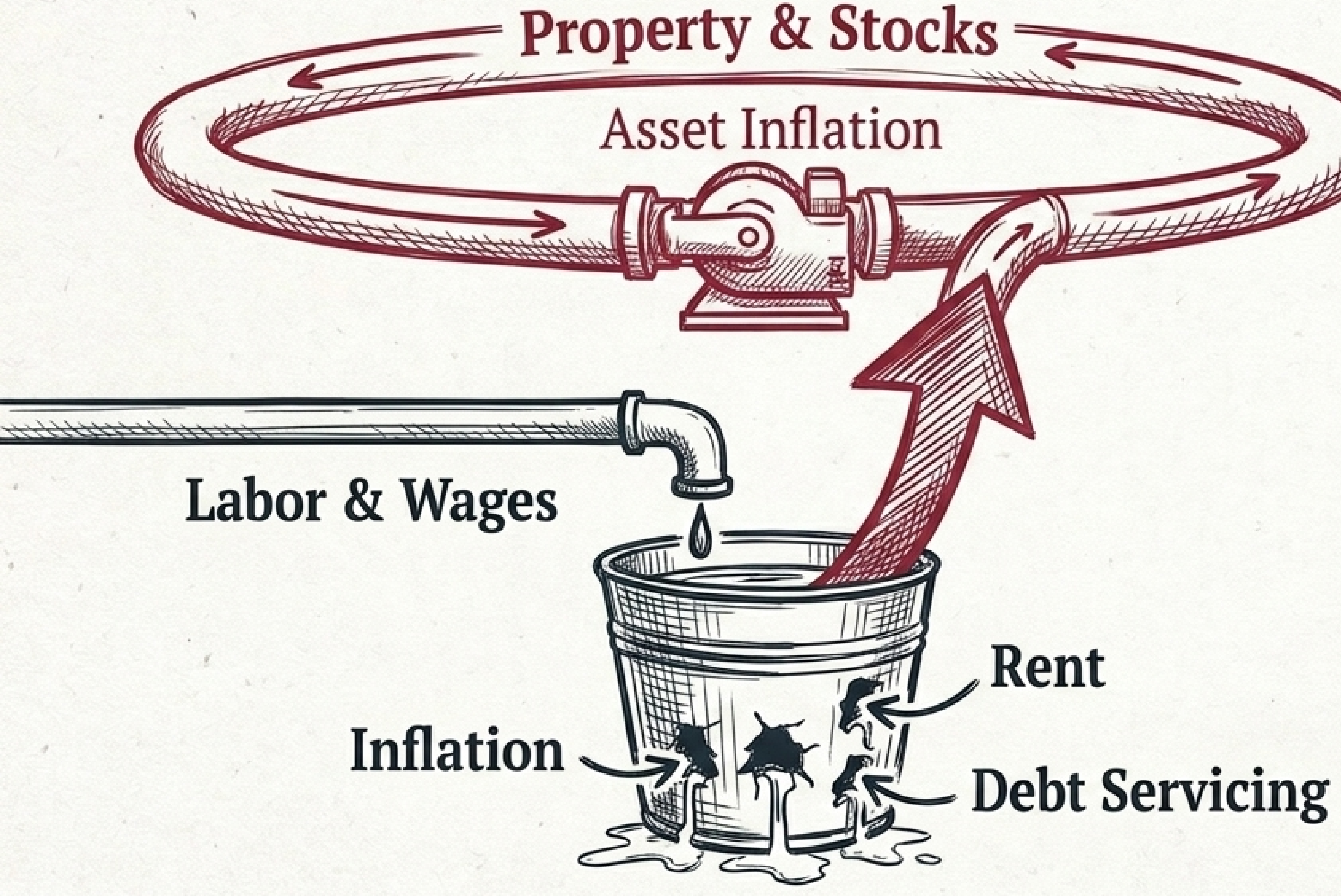


UK billionaires grew their aggregate wealth by £11 billion in a single year.

That is an increase of **£30.3 million a day** for the billionaire class.

They accumulate more in hours than average workers earn in a lifetime.

We reward owning things, not making things.



The economy has fundamentally shifted into **a rentier system.**

Massive injections of capital **inflate asset prices** for the rich.

Meanwhile, workers face **stagnant wages** and **soaring housing costs**, forcing them to transfer their income **upward** just to survive.

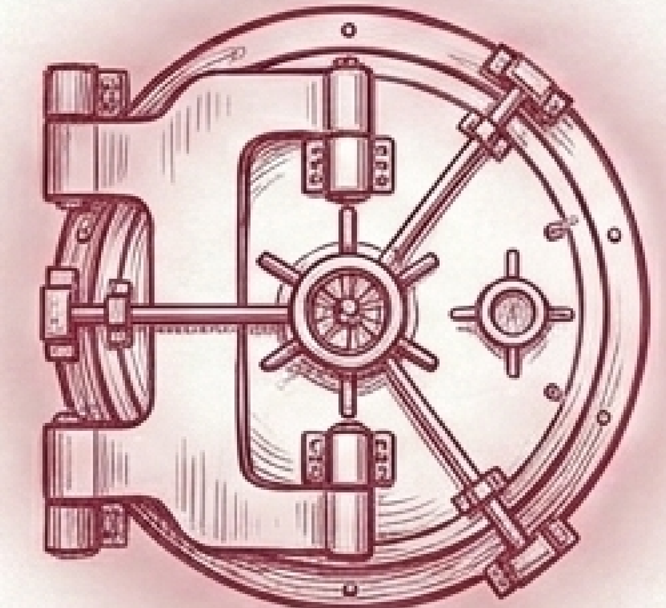
The tax system is rigged against work.

WORK

Marginal Income Tax + National Insurance

Up to 50%+

HOARDING



Effective Tax on Billionaire Wealth

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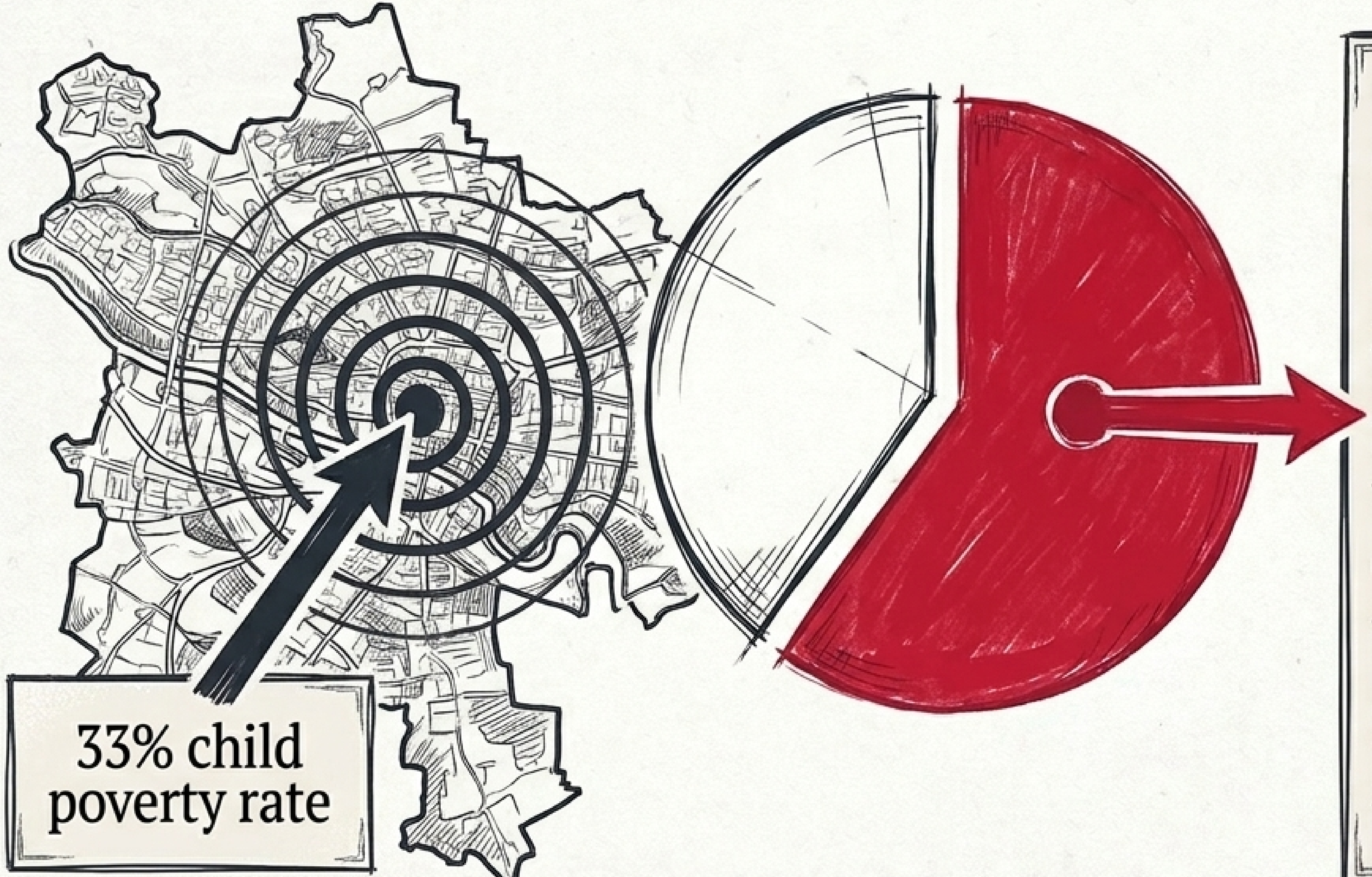
The state heavily taxes productive labor but leaves passive asset hoarding virtually untouched.
Even prominent millionaires acknowledge the absurdity in open letters to world leaders:
they pay lower effective tax rates than the people who clean their offices.

When wealth is hoarded, the real economy starves.

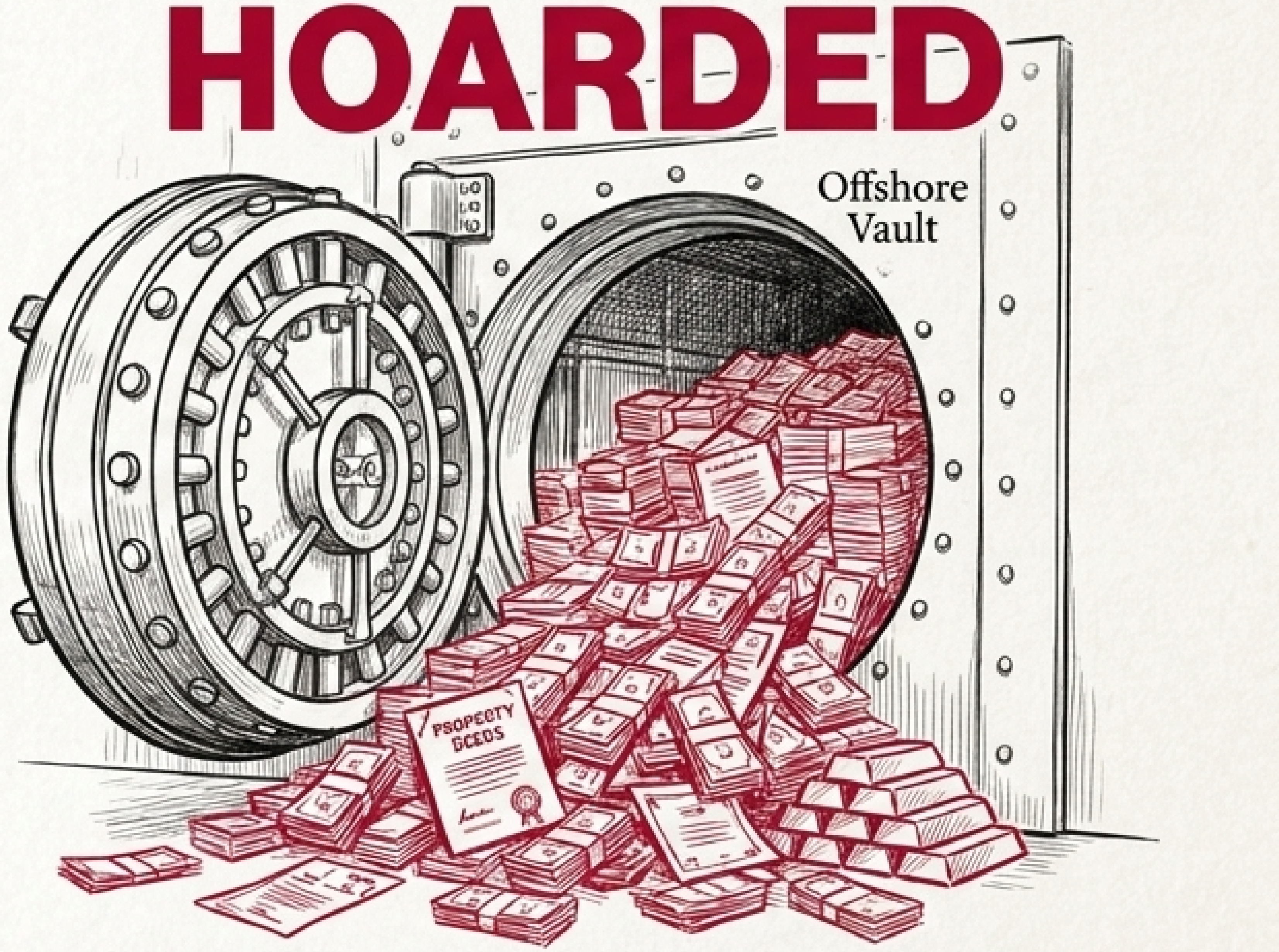


Over 4 million UK children (27%) live in poverty.

But the social contract is broken: **60%** of people in poverty live in working households.

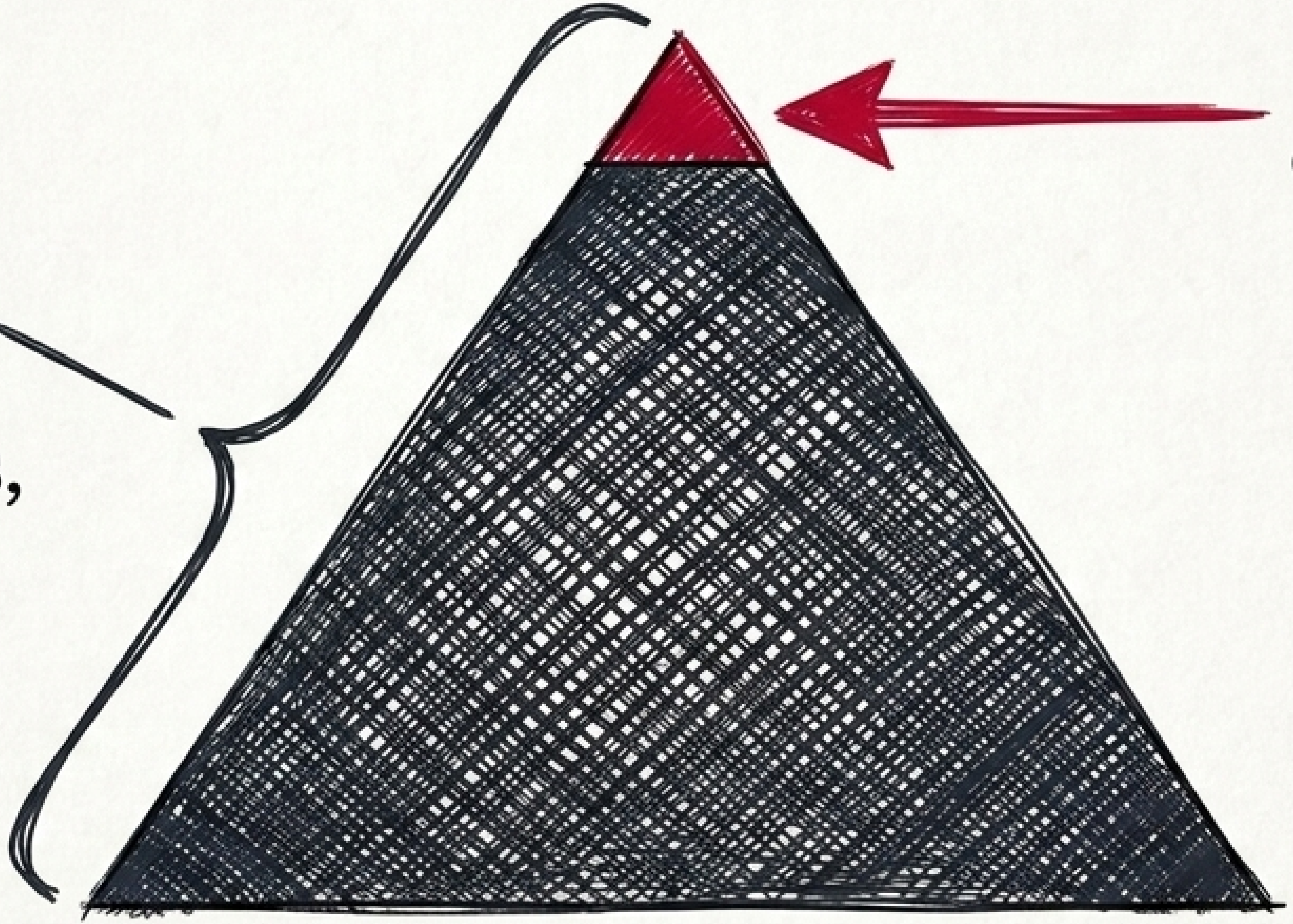
The real economy is being starved of the capital needed to sustain local communities and basic living standards.

We aren’t out of money. It’s just in the wrong accounts.



We are constantly told the government must cut public services to survive. But a sovereign state doesn’t run out of money—it runs out of the political will to tax the resources hoarded by the ultra-wealthy. The wealth exists; it has just been extracted from the public.

A targeted wealth tax on the top 0.04%.

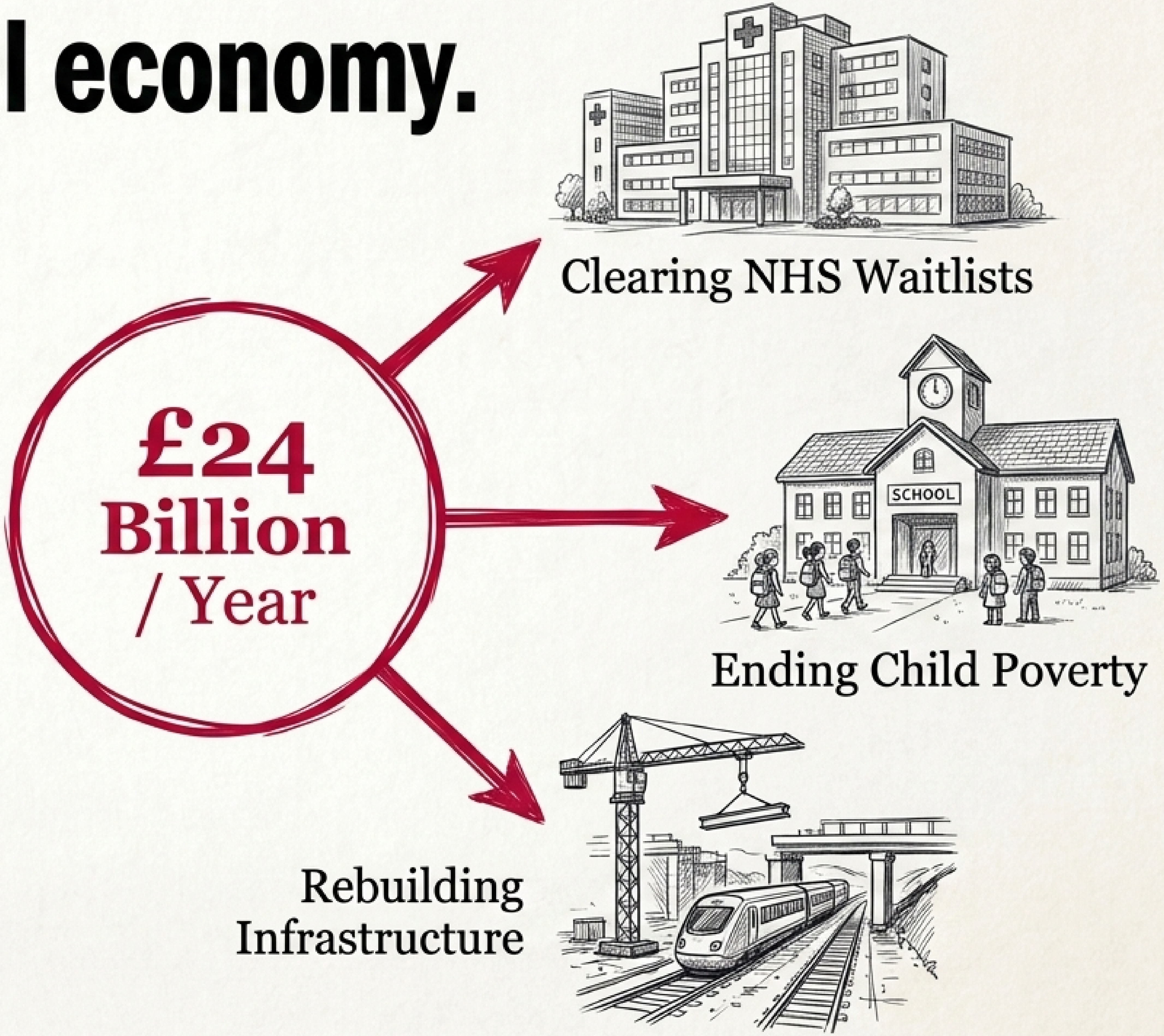


A 2% annual tax solely on individuals holding more than £10 million in wealth. This affects only ~20,000 individuals, completely shielding 99.96% of the British public.

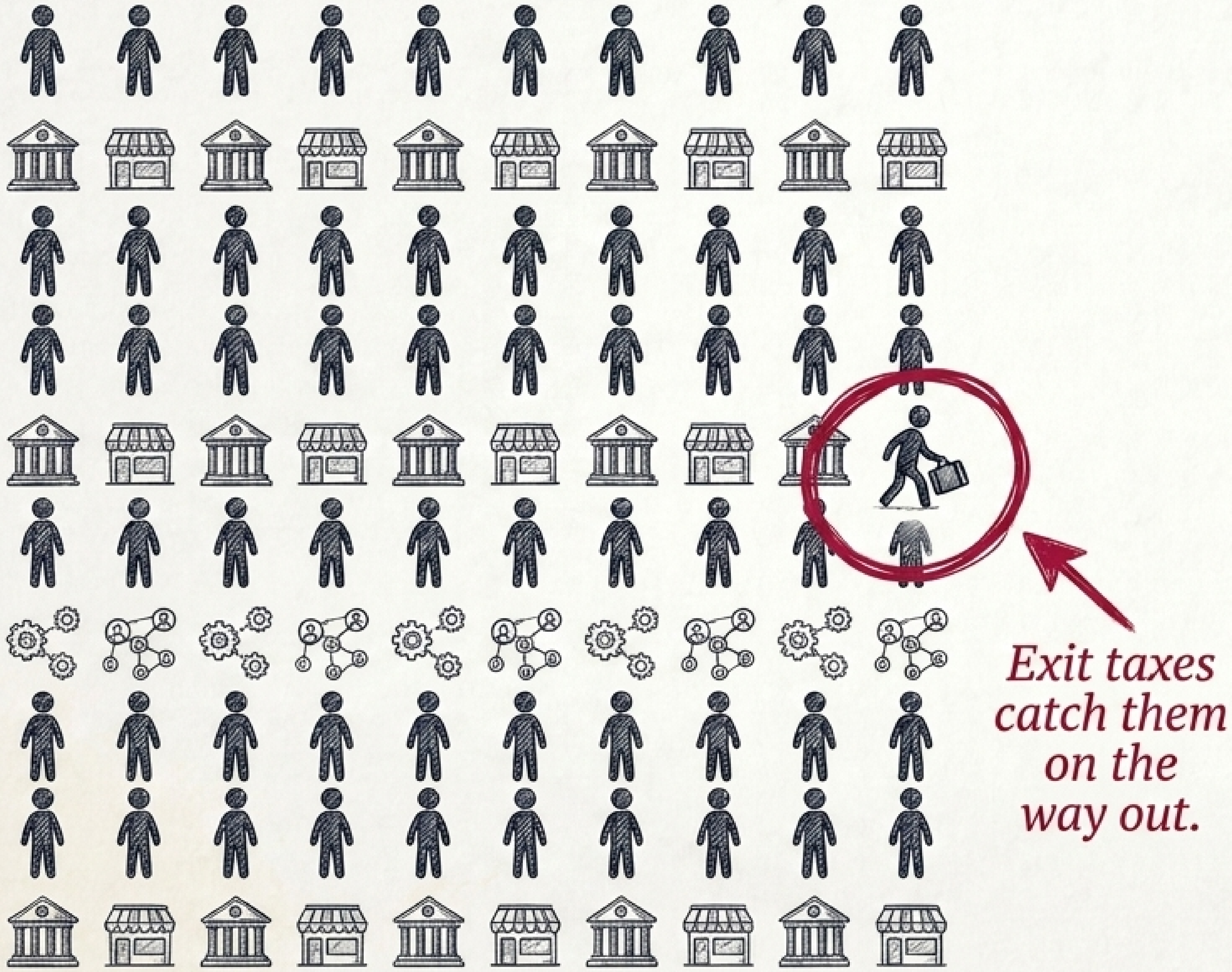
Healing the real economy.

Combined with equalizing capital gains tax with income tax, a targeted wealth tax injects hoarded, idle capital back into the real economy.

This is the mathematical alternative to systemic decline.



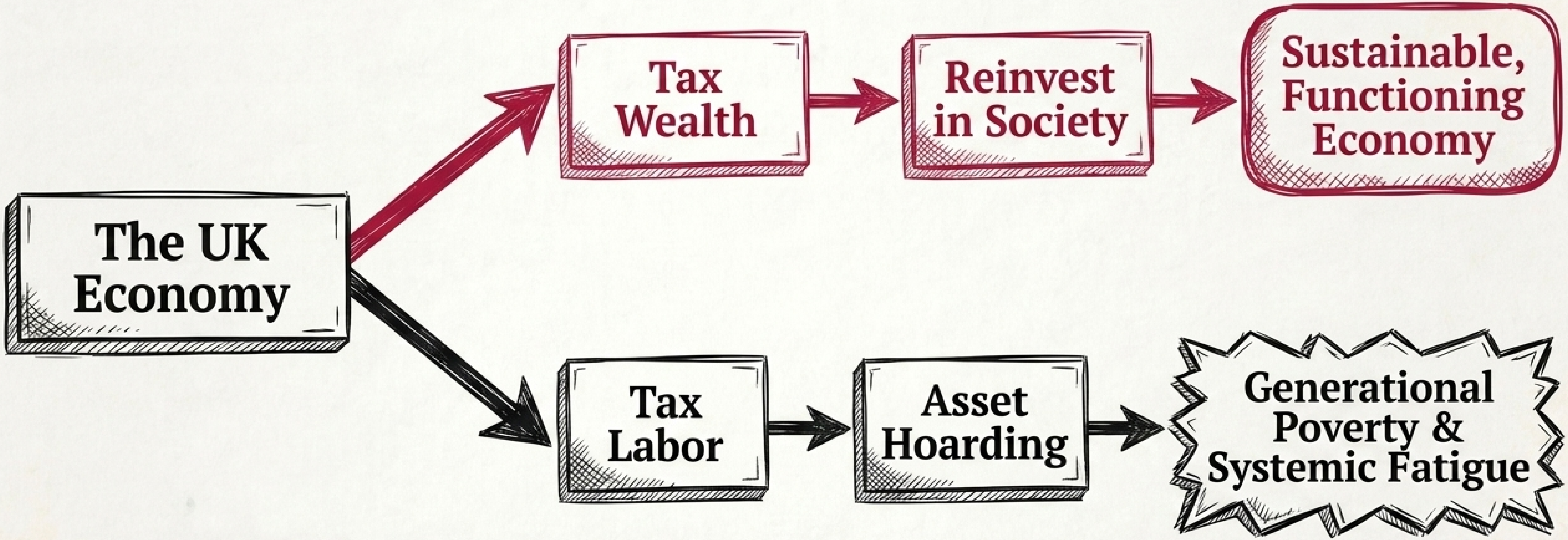
Will they all just leave? No.



Opponents threaten “capital flight.” But exhaustive National Bureau of Economic Research data from Scandinavia proves this is a myth.

A 1 percentage point increase increase in top wealth taxes reduces the wealthy cetearant by in impactihy population by barely 2%, impacting overall employment by a microscopic 0.02%.

Inequality is a political choice.



The math is unassailable. We can continue running a rentier economy that bankrupts the working class to mint trillionaires, or we can choose to tax wealth. It is time to rewrite the rules.

Where these numbers come from.

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