

If a tax on sugar means the people eat less sugar, then a tax on wages must mean fewer jobs and a tax on goods and services, the purchase of fewer goods and services. Yet most public revenue is paid for by taxes on wages, goods and services. Then we are worried about joblessness and failure of the economy to grow.

In this way, most of the tax system is designed (not deliberately, one presumes) to damage the economy, yet politicians across the entire spectrum fail to acknowledge what should be obvious - that the tax system needs root and branch reform.