

Britain's "Special Relationship" and the American Virus.

BRETT REDMAYNE-TITLEY—Britain's terminal symptoms have metastasized from America's malignancies such as its ongoing increases from 1980 to 2019 in crime and murder rates, poverty (7% vs. 22%), personal debt (42.5% of GDP vs. £1.7 trillion/105% GDP) and student loan debt (£460Billion total/£45,800 per student), personal and business bankruptcies, and Suicide. Obesity and diabetes costs follow the American waistline, too, and add \$10.7 billion in direct NHS costs and another \$33.4 in related government subsidies yearly. Prioritizing the ever-burgeoning war annuity was, however, routine each year and increased from £24.5 billion during Thatcher's first term to £43.3 Billion this annum. These massive sums have been an increasing, unnecessary, and unsustainable burden on a treasury already suffering from decades of conservative tax cuts.