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David Stockhoff — 19 May 2009, 22:10

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John Watkins — 19 May 2009, 22:20 · in reply to David Stockhoff

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brunians at brunians.org — 19 May 2009, 22:25 · in reply to John Watkins

I believe that Marxist economists (a contradiction in terms if ever I saw one) do take this seriously.

Wealth is created literally all of the time. That it is not is one of the most destructive of Marxian delusions.

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