

## **COVID-19 coronavirus**

**The federal government will end up shouldering the cost of unemployment insurance for these contract [gig economy] labourers because companies such as Uber have successfully avoided having to admit that they are, indeed, real employees who should receive real benefits during normal times.**

**If I were a chief executive in a company that has to shoulder those burdens directly, I would be furious ... it's ridiculous that a company with a valuation of \$46bn has managed to push that burden onto taxpayers by leveraging the free-market fantasy that there is an equal power dynamic between America's gig workers and its biggest corporations.**

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