

Time for Barclays to apologise too

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Philip Stevens has a [great article in the FT this morning](#). He condemns Jimmy Carr's tax planning but condemns Barclays much more. As he puts it:

Albeit belatedly, it dawned on Mr Carr that societies operate within sets of norms and ethics that reach beyond the fine distinctions of tax law. Now, there is something Mr Diamond could think about.

Oh yes.

And the same should be said of the accountancy, legal and tax professions - and all who say "it's legal so it's OK".

Not true. And it's good it's being said in the FT.