

# Time for Starbucks to smell the coffee on tax

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As the [Guardian reports](#) this morning, UK Uncut is planning to target Starbucks on 8 December.

I think Starbucks the ideal target for protest: no one need buy from it and a boycott can be both visual and effective.

But, as I have said before, whilst I will strongly support peaceful protest I never condone violence. As a result I hope all such demonstrations will be peaceful, a hope that extends to the actions of the company and police as well as those taking part.

Starbucks tax policy is irreconcilable with corporate social responsibility. They're not alone but as Barclays were the company to target in the 70s on apartheid so Starbucks are the company to target on tax. Change has to come and this is one way to achieve it.