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Action Aid has published a report on tax avoidance by Associated British Foods (the owners of Primark) in Zambia in association with the [Observer](#) this morning.

Of course no one is saying anyone is doing anything illegal.

And ABF say it's all down to allowances they legally enjoy.

But, how come the allowances they legally enjoy mean that no tax is paid. It comes back to that question of who writes the rules. That comes back to [Margaret Hodge asking the Big 4 why they have undue influence](#), an influence that means poor people lose out around the world.

For asking that question a [Church of England lay minister called her a prat](#). So much for a 'bias to the poor'.

Well I'm proud to have that bias to the poor. And I applaud Action Aid for sharing it.

Sure, Associated British Foods have done nothing wrong. It has just played the rules that are completely biased in its favour.