

Ireland is a tax haven. Why do they bother to deny it?

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I was amused by this in the [Belfast Telegraph this morning](#):

The Irish government is "sleepwalking" through destructive claims that the state is a tax haven for multinational corporations, Fianna Fail has warned.

Claims levelled against the country by members of a US Senatesubcommittee must be countered by Ireland's political leaders, the party's jobs spokesman Dara Calleary insisted.

There's just one problem: Ireland is a tax haven. It doesn't matter what the Irish say, that's what it is.

Oh, [and a doormat state, too](#).