

Why it's worth blogging about Jersey - or anything else

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I am often asked why it is worth blogging. I do it to change debate, to challenge the hegemony of thinking that dominates our public life and media and to pose as a result questions that would otherwise not get aired.

This BBC news report from Jersey, [yesterday, is illustration of that](#):

Substantial parts of that report come from what was said on this blog yesterday, meaning that the perception of Jersey's new claims will have been challenged within Jersey itself as a result.

That new report from Jersey was, as the BBC notes, in my opinion riddled with errors, false assumptions and as a result spurious claims. Philip Ozouf, Jersey's finance minister, claimed otherwise. [He said of the report that](#):

The report powerfully quantifies the symbiotic relationship between the City of London and Jersey. It's a game changing report to the debate we have seen over recent years.

By blogging yesterday the BBC got the alternative view.

The Tax Justice Network also achieved that result. [Their blog on the report is here](#). And the [FT picked up on it here](#). That, at least in part, is why we blog, to hold those making spurious claims to account.