

Challenging benefit myths

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I have just been invited to do an interview with Katie Hopkins on benefit fraud at lunchtime on BBC Radio Devon. She comes from Devon.

I refused. I will not share a platform with a person so bigoted.

I have agreed to go on after Katie Hopkins. [These are the latest facts on benefit fraud from the DWP:](#)

The tax gap may be £95 billion.

It's running at way above 10%.

Now which do you think more serious?