

The Guardian agrees: Labour's tax problems can't be s...

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This comment was posted on the blog overnight by long term occasional commentator Jonathan:

Interestingly, now the Guardian have discovered your Taxing Wealth Report it seems they have started reading this blog – and based tonight's editorial on this post.

It will be interesting to see if this continues, and whether the Labour Party realise they need more credible advisors.

I did, as a result, search out the [Guardian's editorial today](#), which has this headline:



The editorial does, I admit, raise a great many questions I [noted here yesterday](#), including about the suitability of both Edward Troup and Bill Dodwell to be appointed to Labour's new tax advisor panel, and Margaret Hodge's' past comments upon them.

They also picked up [on my concerns](#) about the appointment of a panel of the supposedly great and good to advise on financial services related issues, which I reposted here yesterday.

In addition, they suggested that a much broader basis for the recruitment of expertise should have been adopted by Labour, as I have said many times before.

And the editorial appears to explicitly support the Taxing Wealth Report line on taxing income from high earnings and wealth more.

So, just for the record, I had no idea that this was being written, and although I did

speak to Guardian journalists yesterday, including about my concerns on the membership of this panel, I had no involvement in this editorial in any way, even though its alignment with my views is high. But, that said, I am not complaining. If they stick to this line The Guardian can build a strong policy platform for holding Labour to account, which is essential.

The [editorial is here](#).