
Subject: Re: Taxation

Posted by [Spoony](#) on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 18:02:47 GMT

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Quackpunk wrote on Wed, 22 October 2008 21:22: In my government class today, I heard that in the UK there is a tax for each television in a household, because the broadcasting is government owned. I find that ridiculous.

this is broadly true but the statement the broadcasting is government owned is slightly misleading.

insert_name_here's post is misleading too, because it doesn't point out that if you want to use a TV for something but haven't the slightest interest in anything the BBC puts out, you still have to pay the licence fee. other channels like Channel 4 are funded by advertising (which is as it should be) but if the only channel you want to watch is Channel 4, you still have to pay the licence fee... so both you and channel 4 are basically getting screwed.

thankfully the money's being wisely spent on seven-figure salaries. for what is effectively a government job...
