

Money: The new plagiarism

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It appears that the country of Burundi used a freelance photographer's image on their currency without permission. (If the article goes down, BoingBoing saved a side-by-side comparison for your inspection.) The article adds that

| Fajack says he's talked about his case with several lawyers, editors and people experienced in photography and none of them has heard of any other infringement cases involving currency.

I guess nobody remembered that the initial design for the Euro included images taken from the book *Bridges: Three Thousand Years of Defying Nature*. The theory must have been that there's no room for footnotes on a banknote. (Though the Bank of England found room for a copyright notice.)

(On a tangential note, Kazakhstan misspelled the word "bank" on their notes.)

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