



Libertarians Who Are For Everything Except Having Children And Practicing Religion

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Even though I am not a libertarian, I have the highest respect for libertarian thought and philosophy. I think Friedrich Hayek and Milton Friedman are two of the most important thinkers of our age. And so I have an allergy against facile criticisms of libertarians and libertarianism that seem to be an addiction of so many people. A friend mordantly described libertarianism as “SWPL DINK identity politics.”

For a while, I followed a blog called Bleeding Heart Libertarians. As the name indicates, it intersected with many of my preoccupations: libertarianism, as well as repudiating the notion that libertarianism is merely a philosophy of the selfish and cold-hearted.

Then the blog published two pieces in close succession.

The first—in contrast to every libertarian I know and follow on Twitter, in contrast to hallowed libertarian organs like the Cato Institute and Reason magazine—argues against the Hobby Lobby ruling that solidified what used to be the American consensus on religious liberty until five minutes ago.

The second argues that parents should be licensed by the state before they can have kids.

So, all individual rights are sacred—except the rights that are held most dearly by religious people in general and orthodox Christians in particular?

Hmmm.

Nothing to see here, probably. Just move along.