
Those selfish liberals at HuffPo

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Are you one of those people who likes to keep the money you've worked so hard to earn? Tired of corporate bailouts and stimulus spending? Tired of folks telling you about what you need to "contribute" to "the greater good?"

If so, don't read [this article](#) if you've been drinking whiskey, have a heart condition or a family history of strokes – as the story is certain to enrage you. For those of you in good enough condition to read this commie HuffPo piece, here's a teaser from Ben Tripp's manifesto:

We can call it libertarianism, patriotism, conservatism, or anything we want, but the truth is this: an ideology of selfishness has gripped the nation.

People who have spent their lives supporting politicians hell-bent on destroying the government now complain that "government doesn't work." Of course it doesn't work. You wanted it that way, so you could keep your little handful of tax dollars from being spent on undesirables. This selfishness has gotten so far out of control that people are even willing to destroy themselves, rather than make any contribution to the greater good. They attack medical and social spending intended to keep them out of poverty and illness in their old age.

This me-me-me trait is dressed up as pragmatism by politicians, libertarianism by pundits, and self-reliance by citizens. Our corporate masters would call it capitalism and leave it at that. But we are in serious trouble as a nation unless we remember, and fast, how to start making concerted sacrifices for the common good.

One wonders how the author would feel if a sizable chunk of his paycheck was taken from him against his will and "donated" to the Cato Institute. After all, it would be selfish to refuse such a "contribution to the greater good."

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Stephen VanDyke says:

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It's "sharing is caring by enforced by stormtroopers" vs. "every man for himself, go fuck yourselves as I rape the earth" as the eternal dipolar argument.

I think the big argument to be made is that the system is finally getting just too damn complex and not working in ANYONE's favor anymore except for it's own ends. Most people can see that plain as day.

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