



## On Reason TV, Andrew Ferguson Discusses the Parasite Economy of Washington, DC

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Back in February, I posted [this startling map](#) showing that 10 of America's 15-richest counties are the bedroom communities surrounding Washington, DC.

There's a lot of money in Washington because [federal bureaucrats are wildly overpaid](#), as [I document in this video](#), and also because there is a [huge shadow workforce of contractors, consultants, and lobbyists](#) who have their snouts buried deeply in the public trough.

In an interview for Reason TV, Andy Ferguson talks about how these well-paid parasites have created a bubble economy in Washington.

And you know it must be true because [even the leftists at Politico wrote a story](#) acknowledging how the DC area was thriving at a time when the rest of America was struggling.

In other words, the poor and middle-class people in the real world are paying high taxes to subsidize the indolent moochers of Washington.

You would think that's [one kind of redistribution that the left would oppose](#). Heck, it's almost enough to make you think that it would be a [good idea to reduce the size and scope of the federal government](#).