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## "Fair Share" Follies



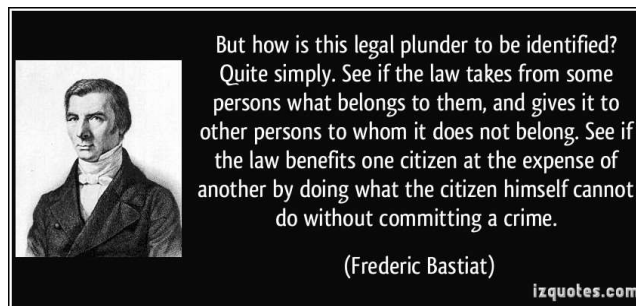
March 05, 2019

I've been reading how rising Leftist star Alexandria Occasional-Cortex (and *Fauxcahantas*, and *Spartacus*, and *Kamala aka "The Mattress"*, Bernie, etc., etc., etc.) plan to pay for all the free sh\*t they intend to hand out, and one phrase is **repeated often**, to the point of being a mantra: getting people to pay their fair share.

As we head through 2019 and into the full-bore election season in 2020 we'll it hear incessantly – some form of **"We just want people to pay their fair share"**.

It reminds of when I worked as an hourly guy. As you onboarded into the company they would hand you the United Way pamphlet and ask that you sign up to contribute your *fair share*. IIRC it was something like one percent of your gross and, being young and naïve at the time, I did sign up. They gave you a cutesy little pin to stick to your badge to show how community-minded you were. And let me be clear – this was a voluntary thing, and as long as it's voluntary, that's fine (even if, at more than one employer, there have been some rather heavy-handed tactics trying to get you to sign up).

Taxes are *not* voluntary – they are plunder:



(Image [source](#))

**AMERICAN GENEROSITY**

In general, it's well-acknowledged that we Americans are incredibly generous; for example, ***Americans Are Most Generous, Global Poll Finds:***

*Americans give more to help others than the residents of 152 other countries, according to a new global survey. That's a big change from last year, when the United States ranked No. 5.*

...

*By averaging the responses of people who had done each of those things, the survey ranked the United States as No. 1 with a score of 60. The average score for all countries included in the survey was 31.6. Following closely behind the United States was Ireland, with a score of 59, Australia (58), New Zealand (57), and the United Kingdom (57). Researchers said they were still assessing the results to figure out why each country had landed where it did on the rankings.*

We give to charities and volunteer our time – and we do so massively across our population. Both as a nation with foreign aid and programs like the Peace Corps, as well as private foundations and organizations that both donate and help organize warm-hearted people, Americans do good in the world. Some more than others, of course...

*People who identify themselves as conservatives donate money to charity more often than people who identify themselves as liberals. They donate more money and a higher percentage of their incomes.*

- Thomas Sowell

Even at my home, before we light the Shabbat candles, I give my kids a quarter each to put into the ***Tzedekah box*** – and tell them that even if they're poor, make sure to put something, even a penny, in to help others who don't even have a penny to put away. And when it's full they get to decide where to donate the money, which helps vest their contributions to helping others in their minds. Past boxes have been donated to a local library, to Ukrainians needing money to fight off the Russians, and this box's recipient is still debated – but I'm pushing a local food kitchen. Charity begins at home and in the community.

BTW, my favorite non-profits to whom I donate as I can, or at least urge people to contribute:

- **Salvation Army**
- **Folds of Honor**

- **Shriner's Hospitals**
- **Children's Dyslexia Centers**
- **Prager University**
- **David Horowitz Freedom Center**
- **Gun Owners of America**
- **Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership**
- **Connections Israel**
- **Israel Trees**

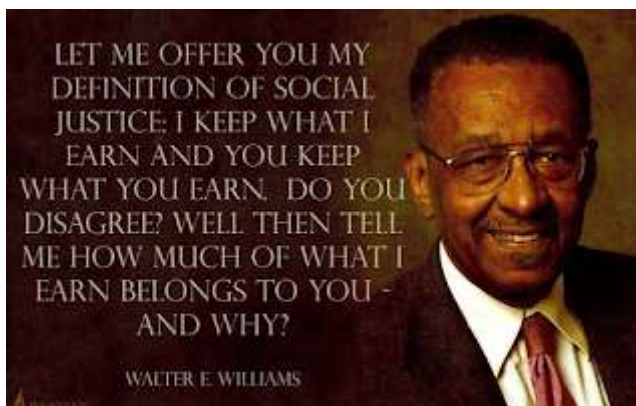
**OTHER VOICES**

Dr. Thomas Sowell has an excellent question:



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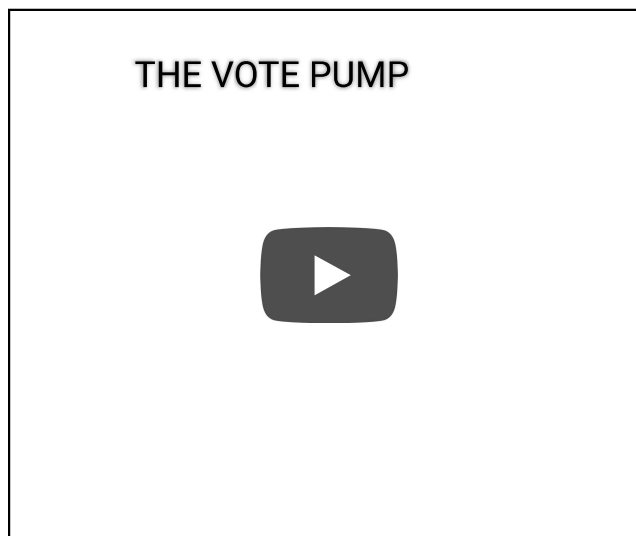
In synch with him is the Professor Walter E. Williams:



(Source)

Both excellent questions. Because the majority of funds spent by our government have nothing to do with actual expenditures authorized by the Constitution, but in reality are the Left

using our money to buy votes:



[THE VOTE PUMP / 6:09]

### TRAP THEM

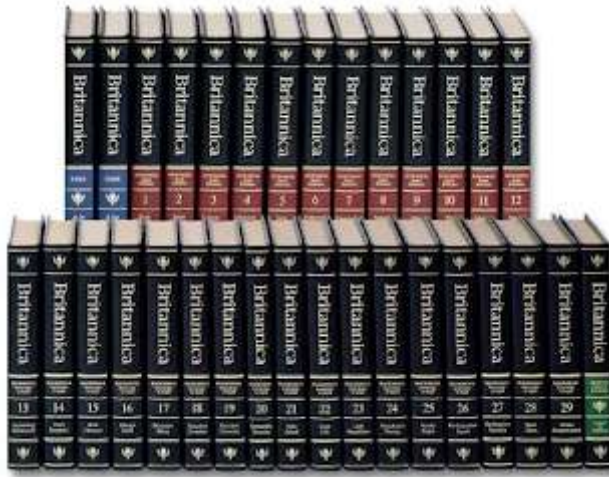
So whenever someone says a version of "I just want someone to pay their fair share" ask them...

*Drum roll please!*

"So, what's a fair share?"

Inevitably, I get "What do you mean? *Fair share! You know what I mean!*"

"No, I *don't* know what you mean. Define it. What's the percentage that is a *fair share*? What's the amount, what's the formula that defines *fair share*? I don't care if the formula is as **long as the complete *Encyclopedia Britannica*, what is it?**"



(Image [source](#))

Very often this results in a disengagement from the discussion by the Leftie... because they *won't* define it. They *don't dare* define it. To define it is to limit it – because if, by some chance, the tax code were to meet their defined fair share, it would mean that anything more than that would be to be paying an unfair share. So *defining* fair share really means placing a limit on their avarice, as observed by **Thomas Sowell**:

*What a “fair share” of taxes means in practice is simply “more.” No matter how high the tax rate is on people with a given income, you can always raise the tax rate further by saying that they are still not paying their “fair share.”*

But as Sowell also observed:

*Whether in politics or in the media, words are increasingly used, not to convey facts or even allegations of facts, but simply to arouse emotions.*



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 Another Democrat enters the race...

(HT Theospark)

**THE SIN – SOCIALISM CYCLE**

ENVY is a powerful, powerful emotion – and one of the **Seven Deadly Sins** (ok, ok, it's a Catholic thing – doesn't mean I don't admire the concept!). Not for nothing is one of the Ten Commandments an injunction to resist ENVY, i.e., covet another's possessions (from the **Prager University series on the Decalogue**):



[10. Do Not Covet / 4:31]

Envy is a corrosive sin, and IMHO is the root cause of Socialism: someone else *has more*, so I want what they have... but without the work, the sacrifice, etc. Easier – SLOTH, another sin – to put into power a government that will steal, on your behalf, what others have worked for.

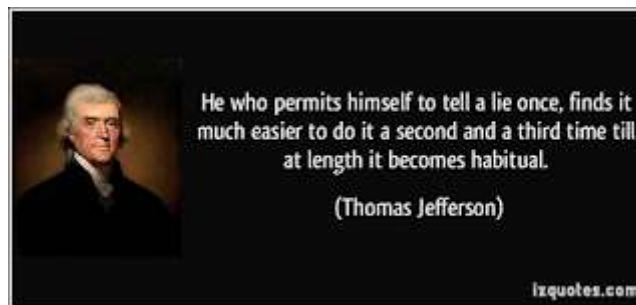
Too much envy leads to WRATH and a willingness to use violence; even **murder**, against those who have more. Even if married or just in a relationship, ENVY of someone with a more beautiful woman / handsome man can lead to thoughts – or worse actions – to be unfaithful; **adultery**. It leads to **theft**, to achieve the implementation of Socialism, and **bearing false witness** against those who oppose you.

Even the **First Commandment**, “Thou shalt have no other gods before me”, is violated, as every generation of Socialists think – with PRIDE/VANITY – that they can do it when others have failed, thus placing themselves above G-d and forcing the **worship of The State as the idol**.

## FURTHER MORAL CORROSION

I believe that whether we're good people or not, we know that stealing is bad. Taking what doesn't belong to you, whether directly or through the threat of governmental force, is *stealing*... and I claim that deep down, even if people don't acknowledge it consciously, they understand this.

So by calling for Socialism, people are calling for the forced confiscation of other peoples' property: armed robbery. That's exactly what it is. And similar to an observation by Thomas Jefferson about lying:



Once one makes the leap to say that it's OK to steal from people with violence, whether directly or not, it becomes easier to do other things to others by force as well... especially if one has become convinced those *others* are evil.

*"To understand the workings of American politics, you have to understand this fundamental law: Conservatives think liberals are stupid. Liberals think conservatives are evil."*

*-- Charles Krauthammer, 2002*

As I've observed, the Left is busy Othering us as evil even as they, neck-deep in sins of every sort, praise themselves as angels creating heaven on Earth. Dark angels, though...

## BE THAT AS IT MAY...

But let me close by being practical, rather than merely wrestling with the metaphysical nature of the Left (or descending into yet another "civil war is coming" conclusion). When talking to someone who says "... blah blah blah *fair share* blah blah blah..." just ask them to define it. Attempt to corner them, ideologically, and ideally in a place where others are watching. Hit them about how they just want more. Call them a coward for not being willing to take a stand about how much of what you have they want they want to take.

You likely won't change their *Teflon Intellectuals*. but you may very well plant a seed in someone

less ideological by exposing the Left's insatiable appetite for more... more... more. Once people in the squishy middle grasp that the Left will never be sated in their avarice for **other peoples' money** – which includes their money! – they may start to **#walkaway**.



(HT [NinetyMiles](#))

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***"I do not coexist with cancer; I do not find common ground with gangrene. The Left must be fought and destroyed, or America dies."***

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**A Texan** *March 5, 2019 at 5:52 PM*

You have correctly identified envy as the root cause of Socialism. What you did not say is that there is only 1 difference between Socialism and Communism: the Socialists lack the guts to shoot their opponents (real or imagined) in the back of the head, or to send them to gulags until they are worked to death.

In today's world, I am thankful that we have such "stellar" intellects as Alexandria Occasional Cortex, who is just stupid and arrogant enough to let the mask slip, to show that the Dem Party has ALWAYS been about stealing the hard-earned and -created fruit of other people's labor and either stuffing it in their own pocket, or passing it out to their thugs and other supporters. LET her keep talking - she's waking up people in the middle, just as does the question of "What is a fair share?"

**REPLY**



**NITZAKHON** *March 6, 2019 at 1:50 PM*

A comment by a friend who didn't want to use any SM profile to post - and a very perceptive observation, too!

Begin:

After watching the short video you presented on "Coveting", I was stuck by an idea: Perhaps the reason that statistis actively attempt to squash religion is that it reminds them NOT to covet. Any yet that's EXACTLY what they are doing. i.e. "Your wealth/lifestyle is better than mine, and I want a piece of it without putting in the effort to earn it. So I will vote for the state to take it by force." The statistis do not take into account how much the person (or their parents) worked to EARN that lifestyle; they just want it. Deep down, most of them know this is wrong, but using the power of the state allows them to "keep their hands clean" so to speak. It's like people who don't want to see a cow killed & butchered, but love steak.

**REPLY**



**ZilWerks** *May 11, 2020 at 6:41 PM*

I always find it amusing when devout Jews use some of the Catholic catechism, as well as devout Catholics use "wrestling with God" metaphors from the Rabbinical Canon. Wisdom can be found in many places and in many holy texts. While I'm no moral relativist or some Unitarian Universalist, I can see the wisdom in many works. I even see it in the Qu'ran, with Aesha's statement to the Mohammed: "How convenient is they God to do they bidding". Pure snark that. Surprised they kept it in, but inviolate word-of-God I guess.

As a Mason, I'm just waiting for Hiram Abiff to return from building that Temple that Solomon wanted. Haven't seen him, have you?



**NITZAKHON** *May 12, 2020 at 10:09 AM*

I've always been open to good ideas, whether Jewish, Christian, etc. It's an open-mindedness I must have picked up while traveling.

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