Subject: Re: Death to the Record Industry Posted by warranto on Sat, 10 Nov 2007 03:57:34 GMT

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cheesesoda wrote on Fri, 09 November 2007 17:08warranto wrote on Fri, 09 November 2007 19:01Not really.

They both deal with economic equality for everyone.

No, because if it was a social decision, then people would have the legal freedom to opt out of this whole "LOLFREE" idea. No government involvement.

Except, what you are asking for is to dispose of the monetary system altogether. When a currency is involved, it's all or nothing. Either everyone has to pay something, or the entire system collapses. The less people spend, the more things will have to cost to make up for the lost income, while still paying their own employees. Costs rise, and even less people can afford to voluntarily pay for the items. Meaning prices have to be raised, or pay has to be cut/jobs lost. With no job or less pay, there is less that can be purchased. And so on and so forth.

Sure, they could bypass this through establishing government-funded programs, but that costs money. Where does that money come from? Taxes. Taxes would have to be raised for the government to pay for things for individuals who want to pay but can't afford it. However, because those who want everything for free aren't spending money, all of their income would be going to pay for those taxes so that others can use the government-funded program.