
Subject: Re: Free Needles in Ukraine to Drug Users
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Why are people greedy? A good deal of it is human nature, but human nature also has a lot of compassion. I blame a lot of the hoarding and materialistic views on the government. They've been eager to help the less fortunate out with handing them over checks. Yes, there are people who receive it and do good with it, but most of it's wasted, and people don't try to improve.

A community will come together and help each other out in times of need. We've seen time and time again that communities come together after a natural disaster and help each other clean up and rebuild. There's very little government help in that. It's all the people working to rebuild their communities. If we force people to work with each other instead of turn to the government, we can survive.

Quite frankly, Americans have been living in luxury for the two centuries that we've been a nation. It wasn't until the 1930s-1960s did we see any welfare programs. What happened in the previous century and a half? We didn't have any welfare state, but our nation didn't fall apart. In fact, our nation flourished. It wasn't until the 1960s did we see people stop caring about actually working, and that's when most of the modern welfare system was formed. That fact isn't perfectly correlated, but it does show that it only helped to support the belief that people shouldn't have to work to earn their money.

So where am I going with this? For the most part, people are kind and generous. There are plenty of people willing to give more than their fair share to others, and then there are those of us who are willing to give, though we don't give much outside of our comfort zone. I, also, realize that there are people who will hoard their money, but those are the type of people who will also cheat on their taxes, so forcing them to pay doesn't work that well, either.

If we force people to rely on each other as mankind has done for THOUSANDS of years, a welfare system is not needed. The people will come together and assist each other when it's needed.

I see why the welfare state was created in the first place. The Great Depression happened, and it affected everyone, some more than others. The government did what it had to, and I feel that it did what was right to protect the nation. However, we're not in an economic depression, let alone one of a catastrophic magnitude. We don't need to rely on our government to survive, anymore.

Besides this, it's the sheer principle that you're trying to steal my money to give to someone else who I don't care to give to. Most people under welfare don't dare lift a finger, and they benefit from my and your hard work. Those people won't lift a finger after they received the check besides to spend it. They won't try to better themselves. If it was privatized, the organizations would be working with the people, making a much higher success rate.

Oh, and taxing me on my wages is wrong, too. Note, I'm not saying "income" because income defined by the Supreme Court is profit, and wages are not profit. They are, effectively, a barter. You exchanged your labor for currency. It's a trade between what you have and can offer to get what you want (labor for wages), and what they have and can offer to get what they want (wages

for labor). It's not profit. It's like asking me for change for a \$20, and then the government saying "oh, currency is being transferred, so I'm going to consider that to be income and tax it".
