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Subject: Re: Election '08

Posted by [Dover](#) on Thu, 10 Jan 2008 01:54:34 GMT

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cheesesoda wrote on Wed, 09 January 2008 17:49 Well, it's hard for a government to have that much control over that large of a populace.

The idea isn't the control people. The idea is to control the economy.

cheesesoda wrote on Wed, 09 January 2008 17:49 Crime would increase because people are greedy, and nothing is going to stop them from trying to get what they want.

I refuse to believe this. If people are naturally greedy, and nothing that they ever do will change that, then I say start over, the experiment didn't work, and I'll be waiting for 40 days of rain anytime soon.

cheesesoda wrote on Wed, 09 January 2008 17:49 There's no incentive for people to be as productive as they could be in the government doesn't allow for competition between businesses.

With technology advancing as rapidly as it is, I somehow doubt productivity is much of a problem. How many farmers do you know? How many farmers are there? Yet this tiny number of people provide food for the millions and millions of the rest of us. Factories are relying more and more on automated labor. Who needs incentive when less people are accomplishing more work every day?

cheesesoda wrote on Wed, 09 January 2008 17:49 There's no real improvement in technology because there's no incentive to, either. Why produce something improved if there's no competition? There's little incentive to invent new technologies if you can't take advantage of supply and demand.

Which explains why Soviet Russia got man both in space and in orbit before the US did, right?

cheesesoda wrote on Wed, 09 January 2008 17:49 Plus, if it's to all be about the "common good", then there's a problem with not respecting individual liberties. The populace is made up of individuals, and in order to get people to respect each other is to respect the individual. Nobody is going to want to improve their communities if they're not respected. I wouldn't feel I owe the community anything if I'm now allowed to be myself.

<http://www.anu.edu.au/polsci/marx/classics/manifesto.html>

Read it, and when you find something about violating individual liberties, get back to me.

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