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Subject: Re: Splitting the record - about the virtual lock

Posted by [Dover](#) on Fri, 28 Aug 2009 05:26:24 GMT

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spotelmo wrote on Thu, 27 August 2009 22:10wow. what exactly does government do?

Quite a few things. Government provides services which would be unweildy or unwise to allow the private sector to deal with, like most things relating to the construction or maintenance of roads. They provide regulation in areas where it would be foolhardy not to have regulation (Like in most utility sectors, airlines, (ideally speaking) the banking/finacial sector, and many others. On a local level, they provide public-safety services like a police force and fire department (To this day I'm baffled as to why healthcare isn't included here), and otherwise ensure that society functions the way it should.

spotelmo wrote on Thu, 27 August 2009 22:10what is it you think they're SUPPOSED to do?

See above.

spotelmo wrote on Thu, 27 August 2009 22:10who do you think PAYS for what the government does?

Taxpayers. The people receiving the services the government provides. Also, China.

spotelmo wrote on Thu, 27 August 2009 22:10who do you think provides jobs to people?

Lots of entities, including, but not limited to, the government.

spotelmo wrote on Thu, 27 August 2009 22:10tax cuts to businesses provides capital for businesses to expand and provide more jobs to people.

In theory. In reality it just gives the wealthy owners of said business more "capital" to buy that fourth solid-gold hot tub.

spotelmo wrote on Thu, 27 August 2009 22:10tax cuts to individuals allows them to keep more of their own money in their own pockets so that they can decide how they will spend their own money.

At the cost of a smaller safety net in the form of less services to take advantage of. Also, this point assumes that whatever the individual decides to spend his money on is the right choice (Like all the people who bought houses they couldn't afford. Capitalism at it's finest!)

spotelmo wrote on Thu, 27 August 2009 22:10when they spend that money, it creates more jobs for more people who will in turn spend more money the ultimate goal being

Or more solid gold hot tubs.

spotelmo wrote on Thu, 27 August 2009 22:10- get this- getting more people OFF government

welfare!

I lol'd.

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