

Re: Eminent Domain Abuse

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ruetheday@outgun.com wrote:

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> *Roy's explanation about land applies equally to natural resources and
> broadcast spectrum. The owners of each receive an economic rent that
> represents a deadweight loss to society.*

They are simply using what is there. Nature is not owned by governments. It is for use by those who can use it. Trees are there to be cut. Soils is there to be cultivated and sown. Air is their to be breather. Water is there to be ingested or to be sailed on or under. Nature is for anyone who can use it.

We have a choice about how nature is used. It can be fought over or it can be co-opoeratively used to benefit of many or all.

But one thing is for sure. The Government is not the ueber Land Lord collecting ground rent in the form of taxes. If government taxes land it is taxing something it does not -own-. Individuals and/or firms own land. Either they had it aboriginally, won it in war (by fair means or foul) or bought from someone who already owned it. Land is property. It belongs to those who bought it, won it or got it by improvement (such as the Dutch in Holland). Government is at most a policeman to guard the rights of property owners.

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