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Davinchi wrote:

sinister wrote:

"Peter B. P." <peter@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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sinister
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wrote:

<http://www.ldap.org.au/federal/policies/propertyRights.html>

The LDP
believes the
ownership
of property
is a
fundamental
right that
precedes the
power of
government.
Widespread
private
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of property

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is also a significantly preferable alternative to either collective ownership or ownership by a privileged elite.

The LDP supports the right of 'eminent domain' of property owners over their property. It believes neither the State nor other members of society should be able to limit or interfere with the right to enjoy property so long as such enjoyment does not involve coercion of others.

Specific LPD policies:

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landlords
and tenants
to freely
negotiate
the
terms of
tenancies,
free from
state rules
and
restrictions.

snip

Sinister, i agree with you on
this point, but to generalize
from one
point to claim that one
group of people are
"freedom-hating" is spurious
and unnecessary polemical.

I'm implicitly making a statistical
generalization, which I claim stands.

That doesn't detract from my admiration (if
not complete agreement with)
geolibertarians and Georgists and yourself (I
assume you essentially fall
into those camps).

Thank you*. However, back to the point: Does the LDP of
Australia
mention anything about land value taxation?

Not on that page, but I think a reasonable inference given what they wrote in
the linked text would imply they're against LVT. Certainly, they appear to
have no understanding that there's no natural right to use landed property in
any way the "owner" sees fit, given that the owner cannot naturally, rightfully
exclude others from the property.

*) Since I am in favor of a moderate to large LVT, I think
that I fall
into the G-ist camp.

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regards , Peter B. P.

<http://titancity.com/blog> , <http://macplanet.dk>

"We don't dial 911 – we dial .357".

I just have to chime in.

It's not that Libertarians are freedom hating per se. It just seems that way when encountering modern society where there are rules to promote and maintain a civil society.

Hence, they don't abide by any regulation in support of the commons or agree to any idea of public goods.

But that's more of a reaction to the tendency to make everything a public good. Either pole is an excess, and moderation usually wins out.

In modern times, Libertarians are not free market promoters, but free rider opportunist. I've seen it so many times it hurts, but they simply won't agree to anything that limit their choice even when they demand equal access to the commons and benefit from societies organization and infrastructure.

The grass is always greener. If say, 1946 (or 1964) were the peak of the "make it public goods" direction of the pendulum-swing, then of course the reaction will be in the opposite direction.

What makes it "worse" for anti-Libertarians is that the "new" ideas produce the most fruit, so the empirical support is skewed – we can't even yet have a reasoned discussion of the Laffer curve without it being a Rorschach test. Throw in self-selection bias in media choices, and it's tear-inducing.

Look at a libertarian, and I'll bet you odds you will find most of the characteristics of Narcissistic Personality Disorder – a sociopathic mental illness.

Hardly. There's the strong odor of basement dweller to Libertarianism. Some of that's just Usenet, though.

The *real*, *serious* Libertarian thinkers are very much real and serious. Milton Friedman was perfectly capable of defending his ideas in terms of benefit to people, and in many cases, much benefit was obtained. But it's very hard for younger people to realize just how pervasive collectivist memes *were* prior to the

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1970s. Hayek deserves a lot of props, IMO.

"If Tyranny and Oppression come to this land, it will be in the guise of fighting a foreign enemy." -- James Madison

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