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On Wed, 19 Mar 2008 00:08:25 -0400, RogerDodger wrote:

I am pretty sure that "RogerDodger" is actually a name for the same old tired and defeated protector of the rich that has inhabited this news group for many years. If not then it is just a new recruit to the cause of serving the privileged individuals in the society.

On Sat, 1 Mar 2008 01:41:25 +0100, ask@xxxxxx (PeterBP) wrote:

RogerDodger <[none@xxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:none@xxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

Rent for  
improvements to real estate goes under the table, or is  
sharply  
reduced in back-room deals (I slash your rent, you hire my  
wife for a  
no-show job, etc.)

Roger,

your post has some good points, but here you confuse the common-parlance rent (such as that for monthly tenure in a flat) with economic rent, and specifically the land rent.

Land rent is not easy to hide. That is one of the strengths of the land taxation idea.

An assertion not only without evidence but directly contradicted by logic, expert testimony and all human experience.

(1) Logic...

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Why is it any harder to hide rent to land than to buildings or anything else, when it is profitable to do so? It's even easier, because land value can be and \*is\* shifted to buildings.

Why is it impossible to hide only rent to land? Please explain.

Georgists seem to think that by purportedly taxing "land" they actually are taxing land itself -- but they are taxing only contractual arrangements.

Why are contractual arrangements regarding land supposed to be more difficult to obscure than any others?

Georgists actually know that they are taxing land ownership as opposed to taxing land itself. The "super-Georgist" understands that privilege is being taxed. Land ownership was merely the primary vehicle of privilege in the past. At present, the privilege of money creation has actually supplanted land ownership as the best vehicle of privilege. Land ownership is still however a major vehicle. Consider what would have happened had land taxation been used as a monetary t

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