

# Re: [OT] Lazy Inefficient European Socialist Losers?

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On Sun, 15 Aug 2004 11:14:36 -0400, Keith <krw@att.bizzzz> wrote:

>On Sun, 15 Aug 2004 13:16:39 +0200, Frank Bemelman wrote:

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[snip]

>Pay for roads out of user fees.

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>> I am not against tax at all. However, I don't always find it rationally

>> how they are calculated and don't always agree with the name tags. And I

>> hate it when they are spend on other issues, like road tax not being

>> spend on new roads or maintenance of them.

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>Agreed! Also, highway taxes spent on mass transportation.

Mass transportation is not always the best solution for every locale.

They're trying to do mass transit here in Phoenix, but Phoenix is so sprawling (we're not packed together like sardines as they are in Boston or New York) that the estimated tax-payer-paid subsidy, over and above the fare, would be \$12.50 per "boarding".

At that rate it would be cheaper to simply buy the poor people a car.

One "successful" mass transit idea that *\*is\** working here is "Dial-A-Ride". Call the bus company and they come pick you up in a small "bus" and take you wherever you want to go, for "free". Working great for the elderly poor.

...Jim Thompson

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