
Subject: Politics - double split

Posted by [spotelmo](#) on Thu, 27 Aug 2009 20:54:37 GMT

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Tbh, the same could be said for both party's. And I think it is very easy to make the case that the two political partys continuing to spout the same half truths over and over again in order to get the publics approval is incredibally unhealthy for the US.

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

Posted by [spotelmo](#) on Thu, 27 Aug 2009 21:18:50 GMT

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except it didn't work for the Republicans

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

Posted by [Romaner](#) on Thu, 27 Aug 2009 23:43:34 GMT

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why thats how Bush was in the office for 2 terms... it just didnt work THIS TIME lol

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

Posted by [Dover](#) on Fri, 28 Aug 2009 04:26:39 GMT

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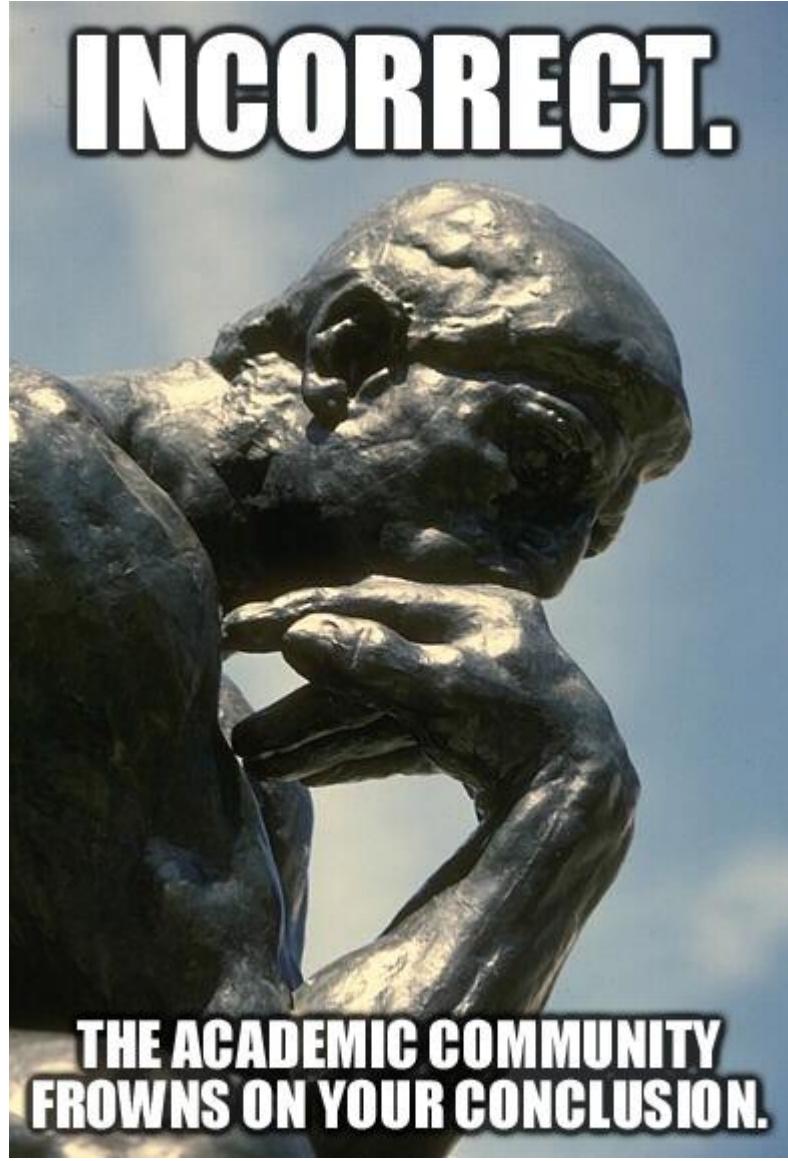
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In all seriousness, I think it's kind of hard to accuse the democrats of spouting the same crap over and over when the Republican solution to everything is introduce a tax cut, and if that doesn't work say it's because God is angry over gays getting married.

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Posted by [spotelmo](#) on Fri, 28 Aug 2009 04:59:16 GMT
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those are the same answers republicans have

we have a right leaning party and an even further right party

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Not like I don't agree 75% of what our government does is unconstitutional. lets get this straight your preaching trickle down economics. Do you relies what that richest 1% do with all that money they make NOTHING it sit in their bank account earning interest. I don't know how the hell you bought into the greed is good line of bull but greed is why our economy is in the shitter greed is bad for everyone but the individual.

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Quite a few things. Government provides services which would be unwieldy 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.

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

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

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

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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!)

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I lol'd.

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Posted by [Crimson](#) on Fri, 28 Aug 2009 06:27:32 GMT

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Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Fri, 28 Aug 2009 06:45:02 GMT

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That's great, but the end result is a solid gold hot tub. That money and those jobs could easily be put to a better use, like making sure people don't go bankrupt because they can't afford health insurance, let's say, or building new roads (And widening current ones that need it), or fixing levees in New Orleans, or making sure people don't get murdered in Chicago. The list goes on and on.

Subject: Re: Splitting the record - about the virtual lock
Posted by [Goztow](#) on Fri, 28 Aug 2009 06:49:02 GMT

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I like where this is going .

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not really relevant to our conversation to compare dangerous weapons to luxury items. as for laws regarding not allowing people to buy a house they can't afford, that - for the most part - should be dealt with in the private sector. if someone gets a loan they can't afford, then they should suffer the consequences(usually foreclosure). at the same time, if a company gives a loan they shouldn't give then that company should suffer the consequences(meaning they should lose out on their investment ie. not get bailed out by taxpayers)Quote:

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the richest americans pay over 90% of the taxes in this country. i'd have to look up the exact numbers (and i will later) but once the bush tax cuts expire over 30% of the money the top earners make will go to federal taxes. that's just federal income tax - not including local and state taxes. once the proposed obama taxes go into effect, it's estimated that some americans will pay over 50% in taxes. that means over half of what they make in wages will be handed over to the government. how'd you like it if you worked over 70 hours a week(most ceo's do so) and had to pay over half of what you make to the government?

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most philosophers say - and i agree - that government is by definition an entity that restricts its citizens freedom. smaller government means more freedom. less taxes = MORE REVENUE FOR THE GOVERNMENT! this is because when the people keep more of their money they get more innovative and create more jobs which means more revenue to the government.

i hope i got the quotes right this time, i keep trying but i keep messing up. i have to go to bed soon. but i'll try to post facts with sources regarding tax rates and such later.

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i gotta agree here!

the democrat party should be very proud of themselves, the lessons taught by karl marx have finally worked for them. they've been preaching this class warfare since the end of Clinton's term. it didn't work for gore, didn't work for kerry, definitely didn't work for edwards, but it's working very well for obama.

the scary thing is, those who are participating in this class envy crap don't even recognize they're doing it or that it's a bad thing. makes you wonder when as americans we started teaching our kids this in the home.

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Spot do you know why those people pay so much more income tax then the poor bastards who don't have any income?

It's because they earn 90% of the money earned in this country. Even if it was a flat % tax they'd be paying billions more in taxes because they make that much more.

It's not like paying those taxes hurts someone whos average yearly income could feed a family of 4 for life.

By the way you forgot to mentioned all the tax breaks and loop hole that allow those people who you say pay such high taxes to pay next to no taxes in reality.

Their is a reason our government is run by the corporations. The people like you who truly think it's good for everybody to let the rich get as rich as they want no matter who suffers because of it.

You know where all that money in the rich peoples bank accounts come from the poor. If the working class decided they had enough of working their asses off for nothing the rich fuckers would come falling down pretty fast but guess what never gonna happen because the working class needs that money.

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Posted by [kadoosh](#) on Fri, 28 Aug 2009 17:27:40 GMT

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Posted by [darkdragon](#) on Fri, 28 Aug 2009 17:33:45 GMT

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kadoosh wrote on Fri, 28 August 2009 12:27So basically you are saying that Successful people should be punished for being successful

No I'm saying they should pay their fair share spot says they should pay less because they are successful. How is them paying more taxes when they have more money to pay said taxes is a punishment? at the end of the day it doesn't really effect them in any negative way.

whats good for the economy is not whats good for the individual it's whats good for the hole. Is long as we are doing simply whats good for "me" whats good for everybody goes by the way side if you can't see that your a blind fool.

Subject: Re: Splitting the record - about the virtual lock
Posted by [spotelmo](#) on Fri, 28 Aug 2009 18:51:51 GMT

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dragon, your argument would hold some merit if we weren't talking about percentages of income or if we were talking about theoretical dollars. you say the rich don't pay taxes because of loopholes but the fact remains that they pay 90% of the dollars going into the government. you say the poor pay more in taxes but the truth is, the poor pay nothing in taxes while the rich pay 30% of their income in taxes.

the rich are already paying more than their "fair share" in taxes.

your marxist statements about how the rich would crumble if the poor decided not to take it any more is for the most part true. however the poor would suffer sooner, longer and worse than the rich because it is the rich who are giving the poor their money.

what i don't get, is how you guys are preaching about how government is good but rich people are bad. you do realize that the government is made up of rich people, right? government isn't some magical entity that just exists in a magical kingdom. you're basically saying that all this money and power should be given over to a bunch of middleaged (mostly)white guys so that they can decide what to do to your life. you don't like rich guys, you don't like corporations because their evil and take all your money and leave you with nothing yet somehow you think the government is any different. how many government officials can you name that aren't rich? hell, the hero of the left ted kennedy just died. he's been in office for almost 50 years. his salary as a senator is less than \$200k yet he was a millionaire. it would seem that he'd only end up as middle class with that small salary yet he had millions.

i still haven't seen anyone list 3 things that the government does well and efficiently.

Subject: Re: Splitting the record - about the virtual lock
Posted by [darkdragon](#) on Fri, 28 Aug 2009 19:01:23 GMT

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aaaa putting words in my mouth there spot. When have I ever said I liked or even trusted the government? They don't give a shit about the country as a hole either.

The poor don't pay much in taxes it's the middle class that gets raped in the ass. They get no governmental help at all unlike the poor and no breaks like the rich. Soon enough their will be no middle class so that argument wont mean anything.

By the way my family is in the shitter because of the bureaucratic bullshit in the country where the corporations are basically above the law.

look up the Dana cooperation and what they did to their retired employees.

I'd like you to tell me how they earned that money in any way shape or form when they were more then likely born rich in the first place.

Subject: Re: Splitting the record - about the virtual lock
Posted by [Ethenal](#) on Fri, 28 Aug 2009 19:36:05 GMT

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That's awesome, this thread reunited spot and darkdrag again!

Subject: Re: Splitting the record - about the virtual lock
Posted by [spotelmo](#) on Fri, 28 Aug 2009 21:04:55 GMT

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darkdragon wrote on Fri, 28 August 2009 15:01

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by "they" do you mean all the rich? if so, it looks to me like you're making assumptions without any facts to back them up. there are thousands of millionaires in this country. do you think they were all born rich? there are millions of people who are considered "wealthy" by the obama administration (earn over \$250k per year) do you really think they're actually "rich"? do you think they were born making that money? do you think they should be paying such a large percentage of their income in taxes? i agree the middleclass get screwed more than anyone in this country. they often don't have the power of the rich or even the power of the poor and they are too busy working to put food on the table to take the time to educate themselves about what the government is doing to their lives and then act upon it.

that still doesn't mean that we need more government or that the rich should pay more taxes to the government. what it means is that we need to elect officials who will actually have our interests in mind when making decisions that affect our lives.

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Subject: Re: Splitting the record - about the virtual lock
Posted by [Dover](#) on Fri, 28 Aug 2009 21:14:26 GMT

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kadoosh wrote on Fri, 28 August 2009 05:26It was the government regulations that allowed them to get the loans... When ever the government gets in the private sector it goes bad.

I believe you're mistaken. It's the lack of government regulations that allowed them to get loans. Regulations tend to be restrictive (And with good reason). If it allows more than it restricts, it isn't a regulation.

kadoosh wrote on Fri, 28 August 2009 05:26PS Dover get over your wealth envy...it's disturbing.

HAR HAR

spotelmo wrote on Fri, 28 August 2009 06:02not really relevant to our conversation to compare dangerous weapons to luxury items. as for laws regarding not allowing people to buy a house they can't afford, that - for the most part- should be dealt with in the private sector. if someone gets a loan they can't afford, then they should suffer the consequences(usually foreclosure). at the same time, if a company gives a loan they shouldn't give then that company should suffer the consequences(meaning they should lose out on their investment ie. not get bailed out by taxpayers)

And again, in a perfect world, you'd be right, but clearly it's not just them that bears the consequences of their actions. To some extent we all do. This is what I'm trying to get across. We're not just a collection of isolated individuals. We're a society, and we need to behave accordingling.

spotelmo wrote on Fri, 28 August 2009 06:02don't write it off. it's a very valid point. at what point do you stop allowing government to decide what is and what is not luxury? is it just gold bathtubs? that's easy enough to fix - outlaw gold bathtubs! there will always be something that someone else thinks is luxurious. you probably think my GMC Envoy is luxury. perhaps you think i should drive my 4 kids around in a toyota prius? if we let you say "no gold bath tubs while kids are starving in inner chicago!" then what's to keep you from saying "no steak dinners while there's still crime in duluth!"

Since we're having this discussion in the context of the size of government (and the amount of taxes that should be payed, accordingling), I'll assume that the point you're making is that the current amount is the best amount, and even if

If that is, indeed, what you're trying to say, then all I have to do is point the the multitude of more successful states, in particular (again) the Scandanavian nations.

spotelmo wrote on Fri, 28 August 2009 06:02not that it matters, but he spends his money just like everyone else does. he travels first class, he goes on 2000 mile trips to go shopping,

Perhaps, but not at the level he could, or more accurately at the level he's expected to in the consumer culture the United States in which he holds (Held?) the position of "Richest man". By and large most of his money goes to charity and other worthy causes, which is the case with some of the wealthier class, but sadly not many.

spotelmo wrote on Fri, 28 August 2009 06:02i don't know what type of tub he has (do you?)

I don't know what kind of tub he has either. I do know, however, that he does not have a solid gold bath tub.

spotelmo wrote on Fri, 28 August 2009 06:02but then i can't name a person with a gold bathtub(can you?)

And I can name someone with a solid gold bath tub. She is the CEO and owner of a "small business" that employs about seven people.

spotelmo wrote on Fri, 28 August 2009 02:13as for government healthcare, there are so many things wrong with that! not the least of which is the fact that government can't run anything well! Quote:

inb4iraqwar.

I'm going to forgive you for spouting that same retarded Regan mantra that republicans seem to be wet for. Government not sure what this means.

My bad. I was distracted in the process of writing my response and I coincidentally moved on to the next point without ever finishing my thought.

spotelmo wrote on Fri, 28 August 2009 06:02can you tell me 3 things that government runs well?

Admittedly, it would be easier for me to tell you three things that foreign governments run well than to name three things that the US government runs well. The only relevant difference I can point out is that most foreign governments (The one's I'm talking about, anyway) are better funded because of a higher tax rate. It can't be anything else. Aren't we the self-proclaimed greatest country in the world?

It's curious, really. Republicans want a small, feeble government because government supposedly can't do anything right, and in the process of creating small government they only further limit its ability to do things right. A self-fulfilling prophecy if there ever was one.

spotelmo wrote on Fri, 28 August 2009 06:02not all rich are getting richer and not all poor are

getting poorer.

Not all, of course, but a large enough percentage to produce a very noticeable trend. Isn't that enough? It would be a true disaster if it was ALL rich getting richer and ALL poor getting poorer

but it makes sense that once you have money it's easier to keep/grow it. it also makes sense that often the bad decisions that made the poor poor will keep them in poverty.[/quote]

You're assuming that all (Or most. Whatever word you want to use. I don't care) rich make good decisions and all (Or most. Whatever) poor make bad decisions.

spotelmo wrote on Fri, 28 August 2009 06:02i can tell you that without being taxed, fined and feed to death the poor would have an easier time getting out of poverty.

So we shouldn't tax the poor, and the rich should pick up the slack for them. I'm glad we're on the same page.

spotelmo wrote on Fri, 28 August 2009 06:02tell me - how many times have you heard a story of a person getting out of poverty by using government assistance(legally) sure, people have been on government assistance at tough times in their life, but it is their hard work and or luck that got them out of it - not the small government check that comes in the mail.

That's absurd. Using that logic, since it's the engine of a car that makes it go, you could operate a car without any seats in it. You might be technically right, but have you ever tried it? Every bit helps, and none of it should be written off.

spotelmo wrote on Fri, 28 August 2009 06:02higher government taxes make it so that you have to work harder to afford even the basic necessities in life. it is harder to spend time doing what you love (painting for example) when you are spending so much time trying to put food on the table.

You seem to have this concept of tax money disappearing into some kind of void or something. This isn't the case at all. It's put to use providing services and subsidizing goods that consumers use. For example, with a single-payer system of health care (Paid for by tax dollars), a citizen wouldn't have to worry about some kind of unforeseen hospital bill interfering with his ability to put food on the table. Also, because of heavy government subsidies on corn, the average American can buy a huge tub of Coke (With free refills!) for an absurdly cheap price, since Coke is mostly water and High Fructose Corn Syrup. Without such subsidies, it wouldn't be practical to super-size a meal.

spotelmo wrote on Fri, 28 August 2009 06:02the richest americans pay over 90% of the taxes in this country.

Bullshit.

spotelmo wrote on Fri, 28 August 2009 06:02i'd have to look up the exact numbers (and i will later) but once the bush tax cuts expire over 30% of the money the top earners make will go to federal taxes.

33%, if I'm not mistaken. Or was it 36%? I can't remember, so please do look it up. In any case, it's by far the lowest tax rate of any developed nation, so don't even begin to bitch about that being a high number.

spotelmo wrote on Fri, 28 August 2009 06:02that's just federal income tax - not including local and state taxes.

State and local income taxes (Where they exist, because they don't exist everywhere) are typically a lot lower than federal income taxes. This is mostly because state and local governments tend to rely more on taxes like sales tax which fall a lot harder on the lower and middle class, or flat taxes and revenues collected through things like parking tickets, which fall on the poor even harder.

spotelmo wrote on Fri, 28 August 2009 06:02once the proposed obama taxes go into effect, it's estimated that somem americans will pay over 50% in taxes. that means over half of what they make in wages will be handed over to the government.

More bullshit. Who made this "estimate"?

spotelmo wrote on Fri, 28 August 2009 06:02how'd you like it if you worked over 70 hours a week(most ceo's do so) and had to pay over half of what you make to the government?

There's a stark difference between the kind of work a CEO does--like taking the occasional phone call while golfing--and (for lack of a better word) real work. It is neither physically nor especially mentally exausting

spotelmo wrote on Fri, 28 August 2009 06:02most philosophers say - and i agree - that government is by definition an entity that restricts its citizens freedom. smaller government means more freedom. less taxes = MORE REVENUE FOR THE GOVERNMENT! this is because when the people keep more of their money they get more innovative and create more jobs which means more revenue to the government.

This might be hard for you to wrap your mind around, but there is such a thing as too much freedom. Most philosophers say - and I agree (And I'm sure you do too) - that freedoms should end at the moment they infringe upon the freedoms and rights of others. This very much applies to the current financial crisis. The freedom of some to spend their money what they want (In this case, homes they couldn't afford) brought down the economy. Dare I say that's too much freedom?

History teaches this lesson over and over; In times of great hardship people often readily give their intangible, insubstantial "freedom" in return for material security and well being. What good does freedom do you if you're dying of starvation?

tl;dr -- More freedom isn't necessarily always a good thing.

spotelmo wrote on Fri, 28 August 2009 06:02i hope i got the quotes right this time, i keep trying but i keep messing up. i have to go to bed soon. but i'll try to post facts with sources regarding tax

rates and such later.

Please do. I find a lot of your numbers hard to believe.

spotelmo wrote on Fri, 28 August 2009 06:32

i gotta agree here!

the democrat party should be very proud of themselves, the lessons taught by karl marx have finally worked for them. they've been preaching this class warfare since the end of Clinton's term. it didn't work for gore, didn't work for kerry, definitely didn't work for edwards, but it's working very well for obama.

the scary thing is, those who are participating in this class envy crap don't even recognize they're doing it or that it's a bad thing. makes you wonder when as americans we started teaching our kids this in the home.

Clearly it's the Democrats' fault for pointing out the huge inequalities (And they ARE a bad thing, according to economists), and not the Republicans' fault for creating the problem in the first place.

kadoosh wrote on Fri, 28 August 2009 10:27So basically you are saying that Successful people should be punished for being successful

If you call having enough money to buy a solid gold hot tub a punishment. I hear this point over and over again, yet I've never met a rich person who has lost incentive in being rich because of the "high" taxes on them and their income; And I've met quite a few rich people.

Edit: Fixed some quotes.

Subject: Re: Splitting the record - about the virtual lock
Posted by [darkdragon](#) on Fri, 28 Aug 2009 22:31:12 GMT

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Posted by [Prulez](#) on Sat, 29 Aug 2009 07:51:47 GMT

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Dover wrote on Fri, 28 August 2009 23:14words

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

Posted by [Dover](#) on Sat, 29 Aug 2009 08:14:10 GMT

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Prulez wrote on Sat, 29 August 2009 00:51Dover wrote on Fri, 28 August 2009 23:14words

Lol.

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

Posted by [liquidv2](#) on Sat, 29 Aug 2009 08:15:50 GMT

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FBpJ4DYNaxg>

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

Posted by [c4onyou8](#) on Sat, 29 Aug 2009 08:21:38 GMT

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fuck vegetables.

discuss.

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Posted by [liquidv2](#) on Sat, 29 Aug 2009 08:24:19 GMT

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you would fuck vegetables wouldn't you
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if you had proof of any of that, i'm sure the courts and regulators would have loved to see it. i know it sucks "knowing" something but not being able to prove it. for example, i "know" that the former CEO and senior vice president of the company i work for worked a shady underhanded deal to split up and then sell off the company in order to make themselves millions of dollars out of the deal. i can't prove it, but it was quite obvious in my opinion. you'll never catch me saying that people in corporations are all good people. people are people. whether they be in government, business or wherever. they are nearly always looking out for how they can gain something for themselves or make more money or position themself into more power. that's why SOME government regulation is necessary. however, there is a difference between government regulating things out of necessity and government taking over things that it has no business taking over. it is excessive government regulation and the reaching of government into aspects of our life that it has no business being in that i have a problem with.

as for your statement Quote:Personally I don't prescribe to the class war that you seem to think I do I want to abandon the hole concept of classes and have everyone be = like our country was founded to be.

our country wasn't founded for everyone to be equal, it was founded with the idea that everyone is equal under the law. people aren't equal, some are smarter, some are luckier, some are prettier, some have messed up psychological problems, some are born with more than others. we aren't equal, but under the law we're supposed to be treated equally. most of us know that it often doesn't seem like we're treated equally under the law. a rich white man who steals millions of dollars from his company's pension plan may get 5 years in a minimum security prison while a poor black man who steals a car might get 12 years in a med - max security prison. but the thing is, that has nothing really to do with the law or the constitution that has to do with PEOPLE. it is people (judges, lawyers, jurors, probation office workers, correction officials) who decided to put one in a minimum security country club while putting the other away for hard time. when the PEOPLE start educating themselves about what is going on and start holding those in charge responsible for their actions, that is when we'll see the country being run the way it's supposed to be.

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Posted by [Ethenal](#) on Sat, 29 Aug 2009 15:40:59 GMT

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Spot doesn't love me.

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Posted by [darkdragon](#) on Sun, 30 Aug 2009 11:51:59 GMT

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i agree they shouldn't be allowed to decide who can get married. but drug use hurts more than just the person using the drugs so that is something the government should be involved in.

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i disagree. it wouldn't help those who work in the health care industry, it wouldn't help those who currently enjoy the standard of care that they have, it wouldn't help those who have to pay for it.

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Posted by [darkdragon](#) on Sun, 30 Aug 2009 14:07:21 GMT

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yes it would hurt the health industry no more 500 dollar bandages boo fucking hoo. No more price gouging because it's something people can't go without oh I'm so in tears over that.

By the way I have governmental health insurance right now. I have just as good standard of care as you do shit compared to 75 other industrialized nations.

Subject: Re: Politics - double split

Posted by [Herr Surth](#) on Sun, 30 Aug 2009 14:16:28 GMT

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I'm 21 teenager I think not.

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40 is "teenager"?

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that logic is hugely flawed. by your logic, if we made stealing legal, there'd be no one in prison for theft. maybe we should make unwilling sex legal to clear the prison of all those rapists? there are plenty of us law abiding citizens who would rather not be subject to the behaviour of dumbasses legally walking around the city while high on crack.

Subject: Re: Politics - double split
Posted by [Dover](#) on Mon, 31 Aug 2009 04:34:17 GMT

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Subject: Re: Politics - double split

Posted by [spotelmo](#) on Mon, 31 Aug 2009 04:53:13 GMT

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i really don't hate you. i respect your opinions and enjoy the conversation. so far, i've disagreed with most of your opinions, but please don't mistake our disagreement for hate.

i am by the way working on the resources i said i'd look for. i don't usually have much time on weekends for stuff like this and for the next couple days work is going to be very much like work. so it's coming, just please be patient with me.

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i am by the way working on the resources i said i'd look for. i don't usually have much time on weekends for stuff like this and for the next couple days work is going to be very much like work. so it's coming, just please be patient with me.

I meant that because you hadn't responded to me yet, not because you disagreed with me. Being ignored sucks.

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

Posted by [darkdragon](#) on Mon, 31 Aug 2009 13:28:35 GMT

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Posted by [kadoosh](#) on Mon, 31 Aug 2009 16:36:43 GMT

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That wouldn't work much better then the normal death penalty. personally I say it's wrong to kill a person no matter what .

You say it's a deterrent to crime prove it all the statistics say the death penalty doesn't do shit to deter anything.

By the way read a fucking history book sometime that shits been tried and it didn't really work.

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Posted by [Ryan3k](#) on Mon, 31 Aug 2009 19:25:03 GMT

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Ryan3k wrote on Sun, 30 August 2009 12:13i think crimson should just delete this debate forum just like we did over at apathbeyond. i've never seen more overly-opinionated teenagers on issues they know nothing about than in the renegade community.

i rest my case. why dont you move to iran you psychopathic prick? (**NWS**...but hey, in kadoosh's world it would be!)

oh, and i don't care if your actual age is 14 or 15, an alarming number of people here seem to have that level of mental maturity, regardless of their age. and, as always, the people who get most defensive about this are the ones who know it's true.

in other words, if i'm referring to you, you'll know it.

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

Posted by [spotelmo](#) on Mon, 31 Aug 2009 21:42:12 GMT

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there are some things that are extremely addictive and alter personalities enough that they are illegal because it is in the public good to not have people using them. most illegal drugs fall in this category. i would probably be willing to accept the argument that pot is no different than alcohol and can be made legal. but other drugs like crack, powder cocaine, meth are hugely addictive and alter personalities to the point of making addicts a danger to society. therefore, those should remain illegal.

as for crime rates. people would continue to kill and steal because the drugs are addictive and when a person can't hold a job due to his habit, he will still commit crime to get his drugs.

Subject: Re: Splitting the record - about the virtual lock
Posted by [darkdragon](#) **on** Tue, 01 Sep 2009 00:51:02 GMT
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Posted by [kadoosh](#) **on** Tue, 01 Sep 2009 01:31:01 GMT
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Subject: Re: Politics - double split

Posted by [IAmFenix](#) on Tue, 01 Sep 2009 01:32:30 GMT

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Most people disagree with the government health care because they see that as another thing people can abuse. The last I've heard of the policy is that they will require you to either pay for the health care from the government OR GET A PRIVATE BUSINESS HEALTH CARE. This isn't like welfare when people can just SIT AROUND ALL DAY ON THEIR ASS AND GET MONEY FROM THE GOVERNMENT WHO GET IT FROM PEOPLE WHO WORK THEIR ASSES OFF. I have a good idea, LOOK AT THE PAST. HOW DID WE GET OUT OF THE GREAT DEPRESSION AND HAVE PEOPLE EMPLOYED?!? We had acts set up TO GET THE PUBLIC DOING SOMETHING. Be it building dams, fixing roads or cutting trees for more houses so people COULD BUILD THEM, there was something for them to do. So instead of people sitting around watching tv and sitting around when they really SHOULD BE WORKING, we'd have something that has the potential TO STIMULATE THE FUCKING ECONOMY. Don't tell anyone but there's no hidden joke, you've read the part I wanted people to read. Stimulating the economy would be a great idea for the US because, as you all probably already know, we're headed for another large depression.

Hidden joke in this post. Go ahead, read it.

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

Posted by [Dover](#) on Tue, 01 Sep 2009 01:40:02 GMT

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There are only so many ways to interpret what you posted.

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Posted by [darkdragon](#) on Tue, 01 Sep 2009 03:31:21 GMT

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

Posted by [spotelmo](#) on Tue, 01 Sep 2009 03:42:14 GMT

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Posted by [spotelmo](#) on Tue, 01 Sep 2009 03:47:02 GMT

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i have a wife and four kids. the biggest cost i have right now is groceries. i'm currently spending approximately \$350 per week in groceries. just 1 year ago, it was about \$200 - \$250 per week. a year before that, it was maybe \$150 - \$200 per week.

NO INFLATION MY ASS!

just goes to show that the numbers show whatever our friends in washington want them to show.

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

Posted by [darkdragon](#) on Tue, 01 Sep 2009 03:49:38 GMT

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yeah and some people can do crack and not be addictive to it and not go off killing people.

By the way drunk driving gang driveby comparison is flawed. The drunk driver is under the influence of alcohol and the gang members doing the shooting more then likely not under the influence of the drug they are selling . most of them don't in fact use the drugs they are peddling . Also the problem of the fact the drugs are illegal in the first place causing said drive by shootings .

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

Posted by [Dover](#) on Tue, 01 Sep 2009 03:59:27 GMT

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Posted by [spotelmo](#) on Tue, 01 Sep 2009 04:32:33 GMT

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Welcome to politics. He is neither the first nor will he be the last to pull stunts like that. If you hold grudges against politicians for something so relatively petty, you're going to have to hate almost every politician in the world on a personal level. I don't know about you, but I don't have the energy for that.

By the way, trying to influence who gets your seat after you seems so small and insignificant compared to preemptive wars, lying to the public about WMDs, breaking the Geneva convention, etc etc, yet most Republicans wouldn't dare call Bush out on any of these much more serious

offenses. Be honest with me. It's not about Ted Kennedy; it's about what he represents (Represented?). It's just more partisan bullshit rather than any specific grievance.

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At least I'm glad you can admit it. Now you need to work on fixing it.

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I'm not sure what you're getting at here. What does that have to do with prohibition?

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You're stating facts but you're not stating WHY. Meth is made in some moron's car precisely because it's illegal. History shows that it's the same with alcohol. In fact, you could point to alcohol that's still illegal (Moonshine) and see that people are still making it home-made since they can't purchase it legally. There's nothing special about Meth in this sense.

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What? The US is the only country that allocates resources on the "War on drugs". Without the US, there is no Drug War.

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You bitch about how much people pay in taxes the war on drugs dumps 40 billion <(fed and state combined) a year down a rat hole where we'll never see it again.

That is money that could be used for far better things for the American people like oh healthcare.

Subject: Re: Politics - double split

Posted by [spotelmo](#) on Tue, 01 Sep 2009 05:02:31 GMT

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i would prefer they keep spending the money on the drug war instead of spending it on healthcare - or anything else.

meth will never be made in a factory and packaged in little boxes like cigarettes or alcohol. doesn't matter if it's legal or not.

kennedy's little thing of trying to keep his seat in his party's control is - like you said - one of many things our politicians do. and it's because we let them do it that they keep doing it. it's time to hold our politicians to a better standard than what we've historically held them to. this goes the same for both sides.

i'm going to ignore the liberal party line about crap about bush that isn't even close to accurate for now. we can always start another thread about that bull if you'd like but i'm kinda busy right now doing work related stuff.

the tarp, stimulus, health care debate has nothing to do with prohibition, it has to do with the conversation about our politicians working for their constituents.

working now, gnite(probably)

Subject: Re: Politics - double split

Posted by [darkdragon](#) on Tue, 01 Sep 2009 05:08:03 GMT

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ok i'm bowing out of this for one dover is far better at making my points on this matter anyway and for two it doesn't matter how many facts we show you you'll never accept them because you truly do believe that drugs are illegal because they are dangerous and not dangerous because they are illegal

Subject: Re: Politics - double split

Posted by [spotelmo](#) on Tue, 01 Sep 2009 09:06:49 GMT

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you're absolutely right. i believe drugs are illegal because they are dangerous. you can argue that not as many people would be shooting each other if drugs were legal, but that doesn't change the fact that the use of the drugs is dangerous to the person taking them and to the rest of society. if drugs were legal, there would be more people using them and more people addicted to them and more cost to the rest of society as we deal with the addicts.

also consider that it isn't likely that drugs would be made legal for children even if they were made legal for adults so there would still be illegal drug sales and there would still be gangs and there would still be killing.

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

Posted by [Ryan3k](#) on Tue, 01 Sep 2009 16:19:45 GMT

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it's funny that you say that shit about joe biden, who is actually a teetotaler

as dover pointed out, you were just cherry-picking random dems that you have some impotent rage against
