

Known By Those Who Consider You the Enemy

It is said that if you are libertarian, and being consistent, those on the Right will call you a “Leftist” and those on the Left will claim you’re part of the “Right.”

It seems to me, in some cases at least, I must be doing things right.

On Facebook a while back I wrote *“Neither Right nor Left, but the opposite of both those extremely wrong positions.”*

A guy who is infamous on Facebook for calling libertarians (or anyone who isn’t *his brand* of alt-right) rude names commented: *“So... far left.”*

I replied with a link to a page with tips for improving *reading comprehension*, but it seems my help wasn’t appreciated.

Anyway, he went on about how “middle of the road” is always leftist (*Mises says so!*), and called me a “crypto-commie.” I never said I was “middle of the road”- why would I be standing stupidly in the road at all? I’m not a cow. Standing between two positions (pretending those positions actually differ) is not the opposite of both.

It reminds me of the poor guy who, back in 2010, called me a “*COMMUNOFASCISTIC STATIST*,” and said *“Having a discussion with you is akin to touching the ‘tar baby’”* when I wouldn’t buy into the flawed argument he was trying to trap me into agreeing with him on. Nope, I kept countering his every point rather easily (because it was a subject I’ve studied a lot), and he didn’t like it. So he snapped on me.

Somehow, being called mean names by people who believe theft, aggression, superstition, and slavery can somehow be “better” than **NOT** committing theft and aggression seems like a compliment to me. I’ll survive it.