

The Trap of Niceness

Many libertarians try to err on the side of niceness. I think that's praiseworthy. It's *nice* to be nice.

But, what worries me is that misplaced niceness makes the *bad* guys believe that they really aren't doing anything all that bad.

If no one is willing to call you out on what you're doing, then it must not really matter. Either you'll believe it isn't really *bad*, or no one cares very much so it must not be important.

It's a hard line to walk, and I *know* I don't always get it right.

I *want* to be nice to everyone, but I also don't see it as nice to let people get away with violating anyone. Yet calling them out on it isn't nice, and there's really no way to make it seem nice while making sure they understand the seriousness of what they are doing.