

Finer Clay

Nobody asked but ...

That's it! I have decided which libertarian quote is my very favorite:

“If the natural tendencies of mankind are so bad that it is not safe to permit people to be free, how is it that the tendencies of these organizers are always good? Do not the legislators and their appointed agents also belong to the human race? Or do they believe that they themselves are made of a finer clay than the rest of mankind?”

— *Frédéric Bastiat*

Isn't it true of everyone who presumes to pretend to lead the collective? It is true of people who want to put up statues, as it is of people who want to tear down statues. None of us — none(!) — are made of a finer clay. One must realize that we are all voluntaryists. We have no special purpose beyond our own space and time, and our voluntary one-to-one associations with others. Through improvement of these few linkages is the only way we can improve the lot of our species.

— Kilgore Forelle