

On Entitlements II

Many are the reasons that people give in support of their preferred entitlements, which the guarantee of such by government necessarily entails the violation of other people's liberties. "Without retirement entitlements, old people will be forced from their homes by medical bankruptcy." "Without welfare entitlements, poor people will be forced to beg on the streets." "Without schooling entitlements, nobody will be properly educated and our democracy will fail." "Without law enforcement entitlements, people will be robbing, raping, and murdering each other all day, every day." "Without national defense entitlements, other countries will invade us and slaughter our children." There is no end to the number of reasons people can find to violate other people's liberties. I said it before and I'll say it again: entitlements are antithetical to liberty. Pick one, abandon the other, and be honest about it. And that's today's two cents.