

On Tolerance II

It's just a tad (just a *tad*) ironic that the supposedly most tolerant places in the world, places like London, San Francisco, Toronto, and New York, are also the most heavily regulated and taxed. Why is this ironic? Because advocating for and permitting your government to impose such heavy burdens on your neighbors is one of the most intolerant things you can do. Think about it: you can't abide your neighbors charging market-based rents, so you push for and accept rent control; you can't abide your neighbors building and keeping all of their wealth, so you push for and accept heavy income and wealth taxes; you can't abide your neighbors speaking their unpopular (with you, anyway) opinions, so you push for and accept infringements on absolute free speech liberties; you can't abide your neighbors collecting and enjoying their firearms, so you push for and accept gun control. When considering all aspects of tolerance, not just skin color and sexual preference, these and many other places suddenly become the most intolerant places on earth. And that's today's two cents.