

# Paint and Corners and Statists

In Facebook discussions I sometimes find it amusing to let statisticians paint themselves into corners.

It's easy for them to do, because statism is internally inconsistent and stupid. All I have to do is keep them talking, and that corner, surrounded by the paint they applied, with no way out, is where they'll end up.

I just keep asking questions about their position, and leading them where they are already heading. I try to avoid saying anything too shocking, or anything that will scare them off.

OK, so maybe it's not so much that I *let* them paint themselves into a corner, as I *help* them. I give them the paint and brush if necessary.

What is sad is how often they realize what is happening and go silent right at the end. Right before the fun part. I feel robbed because I don't get to use my ultimate point when that happens. Such is life.

Yes, I have a mean streak. The ZAP helps keep it under control.