

# Spoon-Feeding Statists

I need more patience with people who have just run across unfamiliar ideas relating to liberty.

Yes, I may have been explaining it for a decade.

Others may have been explaining it for *millennia*.

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It's something hard to keep in mind, especially when the new guy comes at me with a hostile self-righteous attitude and the assurance that no one has ever heard anything like his objections before.

I do try to explain. I try to be patient even though I've probably blogged about his precise point before. Maybe more than once. I can explain again, suited to his individual argument, punctuated by links that will help the explanation. Which he will *studiously ignore*.

When I provide explanatory links rather than typing the whole thing out again, it would be nice if he took the time to read them, instead of wanting it all spelled out and spoon-fed to him. But I've learned that's not how it works. He wants to be spoon-fed, and he wants it pre-digested. No effort.

And that gets *old*.

But maybe that's what I need to do anyway. If, that is, there is any point in trying to help people have better lives. And that is debatable.