

The Butcher, the Brewer, the Baker, and the Bureaucrat

Guest post by Robert Tracinski.

The reason why the ideological bubble of mainstream liberalism is so resistant to being punctured is that it is part of a moral bubble: an unchallenged belief in the morality of welfare-state altruism. In the altruist worldview, supporting yourself and providing for your own needs has no moral significance, but providing for the needs of others makes you virtuous. And the best position of all is to be the middleman distributing those handouts from the haves to the have-nots. It doesn't require you to sacrifice your own prosperity, but it still gives you the moral high ground of being the agent for the redistribution of wealth.

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