

# You Didn't Build That Bureaucracy!

*Guest post by Nima.*

If you're a successful bureaucrat, you didn't get there on your own. You didn't get there on your own. I'm always struck by people who think, well, it must be because I was just so smart. There are a lot of smart people out there. It must be because I lied better than everybody else. Let me tell you something — there are a whole bunch of lying politicians out there.

If you were successful, somebody along the line gave you some help. There was an innovative entrepreneur somewhere whose tax payments funded your position. Somebody helped to create this unbelievable American system that we have that allowed you to thrive. Somebody's money was taken at the threat of imprisonment and handed over to you and your cronies to pay for roads and bridges, regardless of whether they agreed to it, how, where, by whom, and at what price.

If you've got a high ranking position and a pretty office with a federal, state, or city flag in it — you didn't build that. Some homeowner's property tax, some businessman's corporate/payroll tax, or some wage earner's income tax money was used to fund it, somebody else made that happen.

The Internet didn't get invented on its own. Businesses and voluntary open source communities made the Internet useful, only to have bureaucrats utilize those services to enhance the efficiency of their spying, looting and propaganda, and to support the entire edifice of an ever more growing, bloated, and intrusive police state.

The point is, is that when we bureaucrats succeed, we succeed on the backs of hard working individuals, entrepreneurs, and future generations who weren't even given the *illusion* of a choice in this matter.