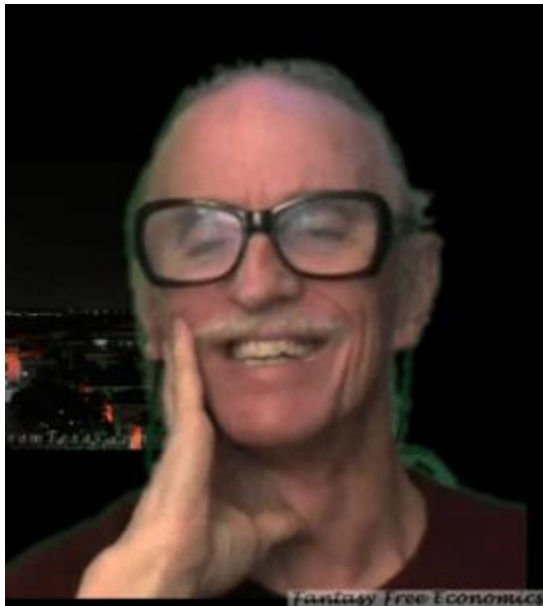


What Folks Really Want From Government Fantasy Free Economics



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What do folks want from government? How can we determine what folks want? Those questions are easy to answer. Look at who and what they vote for.

People want to feel safe. Government has no way to make life safe. Politicians can get elected by promising to keep citizens safe. Imaginary threats are even created as a means of providing opportunities for getting votes by means of making citizens feel safe. What is the point of making the population feel safe? It is an extremely profitable undertaking. Even private companies hone in on this. What people will pay in order to feel safe is seemingly unlimited. Want to start a war? Present the war as a means of creating safety for the citizens.

People vote for politicians who promise to these things. Politicians use this technique because it works. Can you imagine a politician running on the basis of promoting differed gratification and telling people they must fend for themselves and that government programs actually impoverish them. Any politicians want to try this?

People want Government to make life's difficult decisions for them. When do people retire? They retire when they are sixty five. Why, social security deems that age as the proper retirement age. It is not a requirement of age but doesn't need to be. It easily becomes a standard.

We have IRAs. IRAs determine how and when people invest.

Healthcare? People expect healthcare to be free to them. They also want government decide what treatment they receive.

Jobs? People expect government to create opportunities for employment.

Government cannot do these things but it is assumed that it can. This is human nature.

I have repeatedly made the point that it is the mindset of citizens that is destroying the country. There is no such thing as actual freedom for a population that seeks these things from their government. Surely you get mail from candidates. Notice that those who get elected offer to do things such as those I have mentioned. This is what people

want to hear and they vote for politicians they figure will accomplish these tasks. In some states folks are expecting government to prevent their peers from insulting them.

So, why do I forecast a complete collapse of our economy and political system? Government can't do these things. All of the ingredients that are necessary to maintain a free society have been removed. In the absence of the necessary ingredients for an economic recovery have been removed. People may end up in abject poverty but that is no reason why they can't feel safe. Americans will get exactly what they ask for.