



Why the religious left considers taxation a ‘charitable donation.’

The religious left says income disparity is unjust. That it is the Church’s responsibility to counter the power of the wealthy and ensure fairness. How? By increasing taxes on wealthy people and working families and redistributing money to the poor through government programs. Is this the way we Christians should understand charity?

The faithful among us who oppose adding these government programs believe we are instructed by God to care for the poor as well. We also believe personal freedom creates economic opportunity. Does that make us uncharitable? Is the stereotype of the uncaring, mean-spirited religious conservative true?

Arthur C. Brooks, author of *Who Really Cares?* studied charitable giving. His research data proved that conservatives actually give four times more to charitable causes than liberals and progressives. Religious conservatives also volunteer more. They donate more blood.

The truth is, taxation can never be understood as charity because it isn’t freely given. Charity doesn’t begin in Washington, it begins in the home. To learn more about effective charity and connect with other sound economic thinkers, visit our website.



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