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Is the newly-discovered *personal right* "of the wealthy - to be more greedy" all that matters to the majority?

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A significant fraction of the "real work" performed by people in this country has been sent overseas by companies searching for higher profit margins. As jobs have disappeared, the "food fight" that we are finding ourselves in was easily foreseeable. The resulting public discourse has taken an illogical turn:

Many politicians are taking positions which suggest, in many different ways, that:

Selfish decisions are the core of both **America's virtue** and **America's success**.

Advocating the denial of healthcare coverage to millions of our fellow citizens strikes me as particularly illogical. Many non-wealthy people have sacrificed their lives hoping to benefit everyone else in the nation.

Such communication, by baboons, might be sufficient proof that "apes are intelligent life". As a blueprint for peaceful social cooperation, however, the concept of "selfishness as salvation" is seriously flawed.

Finding a just balance between **self-interest** and **everyone else's interests** is the hallmark of "intelligent, compassionate, human life", whereas pure selfishness is entirely amoral.

Let's figure out how to "make Democracy safe" for almost all our citizens. "Making the world safe for Democracy", a goal that we are exhorted to cherish, may follow.