



What Neighborliness Is Not

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In a late July mass videochat session, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz did not in any way acknowledge the cringe in the name of the "White Dudes for Kamala Harris" fundraiser.

But the governor did advise his supporters to at least talk to their political opponents.

"Look, I got a Florida Man as a brother," Kamala Harris's VP sidekick <u>said</u>. "We all have him in our families, but these are our neighbors and our relatives, and at heart, they're good people. They're not mean-spirited. They're not small. They're not petty like they hear on stage."

But what are these MAGA folk? How does the governor who signed a bill

<u>directing public schools</u> to freely distribute tampons in boys' restrooms as well as girls' characterize people disinclined to approve of such a thing? "They're angry, they're confused, they're frustrated, they feel like they got left behind sometimes."

Somehow, Walz neglects how they feel betrayed by past representation, and are aghast at the craziness of ... Tim Walz ... who tells his fellow "white dudes" to "reach out. make the case."

So, a case for what? Tampons everywhere?

Well, *socialism*. "Don't ever shy away from our progressive values," Walz said. "One person's socialism is another person's neighborliness."

That's where I bet he loses his "Florida Man" brothers.

A politician talking up socialism is never pushing "neighborliness." Such politicians are always pushing increased expropriation (taxes), increased regulation, and massive subsidy.

Most who feel "left behind sometimes" are not asking for subsidies, much less the "neighborliness" of regulators and taxmen. And when they hear the word "socialism," their trigger fingers itch. They know that over a hundred million people were killed, last century, by self-described "socialist" leaders, outside of war.

Killing fields do not make good neighbors.

Meanwhile, one of the most important critiques of socialism is that of Ludwig von Mises, who showed that without markets in capital as well as consumer goods, chaos and poverty reign. Without price signals, goods can only be <code>misallocated</code>.

Like putting tampons in boys' bathrooms.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.