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Hating One's Own Tax Hikes

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It's terrible, the high taxes these days, Maine Senate President Mattie Daughtry decries. Look at property taxes. We must fix this!

"Property taxes just keep going up," Daughtry lamented on social media. So "first-time homebuyers can't take the plunge ... and older Mainers struggle to afford staying in the towns they know and love.... We're setting up a Property Tax Task Force. They'll provide suggestions to the legislature. Then legislators can use their findings to pass laws that make living in Maine sustainable for EVERYONE in our state."

Steven Robinson, editor-in-chief of the [*Maine Wire*](#), points out in his [*Robinson Report*](#) that Daughtry herself is a big reason for the problem she now supposedly wants to remedy.

Her hand-wringing over high taxes is, he says, "borderline psychopathic behavior and true gaslighting—akin to O.J. Simpson standing over some stabbing victims and filming a TikTok video demanding an explanation for how they ended up dead....

"On two occasions just this year Daughtry has celebrated—yes, celebrated!—taxes going up on working Mainers."

Daughtry and other Democrats passed LD 2012, a bill to repeal the limit on municipal property tax levies. As the bill itself said right up front, "property taxes may increase."

The Senate leader is not exactly apologizing for her tax-and-spend ways to date, so maybe her giddy gaslighting has something to do with seeking higher office. Who knows.

But at least with Steven Robinson in the neighborhood, she isn't getting away with her phony baloney scot-free.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob