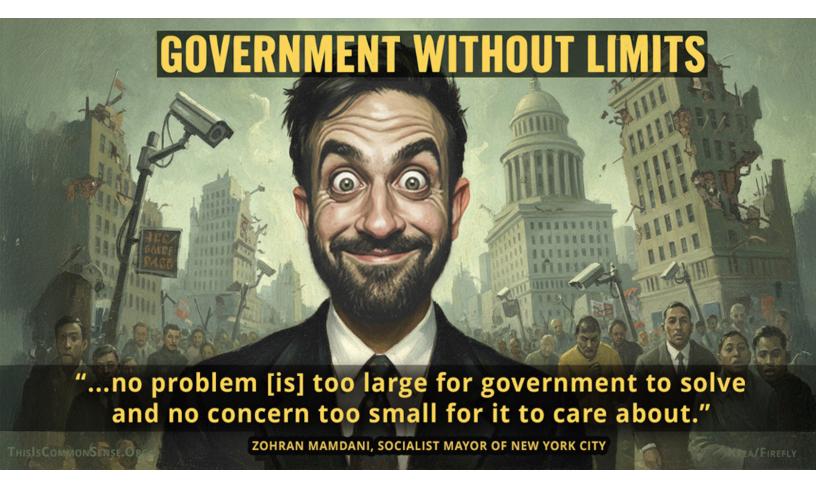
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## Memo to Mamdani Voters

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New York City is expensive. Housing is expensive, often prohibitively so. The city has crime problems. Other problems.

Answers: Unshackle the housing market? Slash regulations and taxes? Make it easier to catch and punish bad guys? No. Prevent builders from supplying more and cheaper housing. Further hobble the police. Etc. Pro-Hamas socialist Zohran Mamdani has a slew of such pseudo-solutions.

And has a large following.

In New York's mayoral race, decided <u>Tuesday</u>, the Republican candidate was excluded by the city's heavily Democratic tilt. The incumbent mayor was also nonviable. Scandal-plagued

former Governor Cuomo was the main alternative to a reputedly charming Mamdani now claiming a mandate to rob the rich.

Song Ying is a 72-year-old New Yorker who escaped the Chinese communists in 1976. She "swam for eight hours from Shenzhen, then a small fishing village, to Hong Kong," explains *The New York Times* in a report on the growing generational divide among Chinese immigrants regarding the prospect of a socialist city. Song is dismayed by the strong support among young New Yorkers for Mamdani. She says—and *knows*—that socialism doesn't work.

The Times belittles her concerns, stressing that Mao's China is not the vision that Mamdani is selling. Yet upon winning, the mayor-elect <u>asserted</u> that his administration would prove that "no problem [is] too large for government to solve and no concern too small for it to care about." Sounds like a government without limits.

Mamdani will not fix things. He offers as solutions more of the policies that caused current problems: more regulations; more taxes; more spending; more government in power and scope.

If a boulder is tumbling right toward you, demanding more and heavier boulders won't stop you from being crushed.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.