



# Super Under-Blown

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Just 60 years ago, we were talking the end of ideology. Thirty years ago, we were talking about the end of socialism — and of history itself! — as capitalist democracies seemed triumphant after the fall of the USSR.

But here it's A.D. 2026 and we have socialist mayors in New York and Seattle and . . . we don't need to argue about definitions. They call *themselves* soci alist.

While New York's Mamdani has grabbed much of national attention, let's not forget the Evergreen State's Emerald City. Seattle Mayor [Katie Wilson](#) showed her defiance of economic common-sense in her defenses of many anti-business, anti-rich tax and regulation policies by her city and the state.

"I think the claims that millionaires are going to leave our state are," she asserted, "like, super overblown."

Her notion being that, since Washington State has a sales-tax-dominated "regressive tax system," adding a progressive layer wouldn't matter. *New high-income-focused taxes would only*

*make things better!*

Not to those targeted by the tax, though. Not with socialists in charge. After all, she's showing her true colors, [taking photos with antifa terrorists](#), pooh-poohing welfare fraud (and refusing to investigate), expressing [solidarity with Somali immigrants](#) accused of fraud in Washington, and pushing for non-citizen voting.

Mayor Wilson's response to those who have exited [the soviet of Washington](#) has been a chuckle, a wave, and a cheerful "bye."

But then a major Democratic funder in the state, Nick Hannauer, wrote a [think-piece](#) for *GeekWire* suggesting that both the city, Seattle, and the state, Washington, were going too far. "Making the total tax burden here 5–10 times the alternatives isn't progressivism; it's stupidity." The Daddy Warbucks, who'd promoted capital gains taxes and opposed Tim Eyman's tax limitation [measures](#), wants to put the brakes on Evergreen State [spoliation](#) — [plundering](#)— noting that "virtually every wealthy friend I have has either left or is planning to."

Seattleites and Washingtonians sure seem stuck with "the usual Socialist disease — they've run out of other people's money." For the "other people" are fleeing fast.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.

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