



Two Horrors Don't Make It Right

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The mayor of New York City, [commie Mamdani](#), is trying to raise more money to pay for his socialism.

One scheme is to punish owners of a second home by imposing a so-called “pied-à-terre tax,” a tax on the second residence of wealthy New Yorkers above and beyond regular property taxes.

Now, the assumption that anybody with a second home, or an expensive second home in an expensive property market, must be rolling in liquid funds is

faulty. The notion that if you have more wealth than somebody else it should be taken from you? Also faulty.

The new tax bill is [going](#) to many New Yorkers with only one home. And the website set up (speaking loosely) to permit challenges of the designation of one's home as a pied-à-terre is proving nightmarish to navigate.

One recipient of an extra-tax bill, for \$43,000, is Karen Young, who has lived in her brownstone with her husband for thirty years. Two minutes of research would have prevented the mistake, she observes. “Is this a witch hunt?”

New assaults on our rights often have two parts. One part is really horrific. The other part is *even more horrific* in some *other* way. The greedy government may eventually withdraw or correct the even more horrific form of the assault; at which point everybody is relieved . . . except anyone noticing that the first form, also horrific, and serving as precedent, is still ongoing.

Was that the game plan here?

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