

Rich Socialist, Poor Socialist
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This time it's personal. My sister Florence used to be a Rich Socialist; two income six figure couple, no children, Upper West Side (of Manhattan) condominium. Being a Socialist was easy; taxis not subways, building doorman not push-in robberies, the New York Times not the Daily News.

Fast forward almost ten years. Florence is now a divorced single income (barely middle class) Socialist with a daughter, Tanya (my niece). Tanya will be starting Kindergarten this Fall. In Manhattan they have Socialist School Choice. That means you can apply to any school in your area so long as it's a Socialist (Public) School. The Rich Socialists either send their children to real Private Schools (at \$20,000 per year) or manage to get accepted into the better Socialist Schools. The poor Socialists (this is my niece we're talking about) somehow get Wait-Listed until my sister Florence realizes that Tanya is going to one of the schools on the bottom of everyone's list and "Wait-Listing" is Socialist for "sucker." So when the issue of real School Choice comes up in our family (translation: me against the hordes) I am reminded that they can't believe in School Choice because it would hurt the Socialist (Public) School system – and then Tanya, the victim, might actually get a quality education but the "D"s (as in Democrats) wouldn't get all the campaign contributions that Tanya and her fellow hostages provide.

Did I mention that Tanya drinks milk? That's right. Tanya's milk is the most expensive in the nation because the New England Milk Cartel (think white oil here) are the Rich Socialists hiding behind the moniker Dairy Farmers and, once again, Tanya and the other Poor Socialists are their victims. By the way, the only reason this Cartel got reauthorized by Congress is because Judas Jeffords, everyone's Weakest Link, blackmailed Trent (Thanksa) Lott, lead singer in the GOP Barber Shop trio, by threatening to leave the Republican Party. Huh?

And, true story, while Tanya drinks her grossly overpriced milk Florence smokes her grossly overpriced cigarettes. Show me a Rich Socialist and I'll show you someone who loves Regressive Taxes on smokers (average income, \$36,000) and milk drinkers (average age, young).

So what does it all mean? It means that the Rich Socialists cannot survive without the Poor Socialists as their willing foils. (Ayn Rand called it: “The Sanction of the Victim.”) It means that we will continue to fight for the Poor Socialists even though we get little appreciation and even fewer votes for our efforts. It means that as a Free Market Conservative Republican I am very proud to espouse a philosophy that requires no victims.