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We need accountability. We need consequences. People should not free ride on the public or on the backs of the unborn. Our nation's spending must be sustainable, and not made through the issuance of debt. Our wealth should not be given to aliens -- illegal and legal incentives structure must support productivity and self-responsibility. The church used to be responsible for assisting the needy. We should return to a world where more of that is the norm. Greed, fraud, and selfishness will not be long for this world. On a specific matter, approaching retirement age, I am beyond upset that my mandated Social Security contributions combined with my employers' matching contributions, have been used to fund the living expenses of illegal aliens and millions of other people who have made paltry or no contributions and are gaming the system. I am also angered that my nonexistent "account" has been accruing interest at a below inflation rate for my entire life on account of the government suppressing Treasury yields and the Consumer Price Index in order to keep government borrowing costs cheap, which is the main objective over and above any consideration of the welfare of the citizens who contribute to this "trust fund." I am not sure what the appropriate solution is. I was hopeful that having the government steward this program was a good idea as many people find it impossible to save properly and having strict rules and governance of the matter "might" be a good idea. Would investing in stock market indices be an improvement? Much of corporate profits since the 1970s have been on the backs of average workers with an increasing share of profits funneled to shareholders at the expense of the workers and the country that gave rise to those corporations. Corporations are chartered to serve a public need and should not have maximizing profit as their only or even primary goal. Whatever the case, we need change and it will be for the better.



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Well thought out, well written. I greatly appreciate your comments and involvement. I'm at the point where the "change" could even be for the worse, not the better, and because if lives get harder we might actually do something about all this.



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