

## Re: Pirated XP, means-test everyone and every product with "income

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You know, I was completely prepared to let this thread die. I just checked on it this morning, and lo and behold, there were like four hundred new responses. Blech.

Rights, Donald, are granted by no man, and if you continue to insist on using the words "God" and "government" in the same sentence, I'm going to hunt you down and shave you bald. To maintain that rights can be granted by any manmade establishment paints you as an unthinking, government-built automaton (which, from your posts, may not be that far from the truth). I can already hear your argument in my head, that the Constitution speaks of the "unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." (As an aside, it's actually much more accurate to note that the Constitution is not the document that guarantees rights in the US --- it's actually the aptly-named "Bill of Rights.") You would be wise to note at this point that the "Constitution" does not presume to *\*grant\** these rights; rather, it hopes to *\*enforce\** them, i.e. they existed well before ol' John Hancock and Co. came along and wrote them on a sheet of parchment.

Two things that I feel the need to address.

- > *If a man experiences what he thinks is HAPPINESS as a result of*
- > *choosing to disobey the LAW, that so-called "HAPPINESS" is NOT the*
- > *HAPPINESS which is guaranteed to us by the Constitution. I fail to*
- > *see how a man can experience true HAPPINESS as a result of choosing to*
- > *disobey the Law. I can only conclude that such a man is sick and*
- > *warped in mind and personality.*

If your version of happiness is persistently complying with the laws of your country, then I truly feel for you. While I do agree that adherence to the laws of God --- or whatever you want to call Him --- can (and does) result in true "happiness," adherence to the laws of man (e.g. always driving the speed limit) can only result in a feeling that, well, you've never broken the law. If that's your version of happiness, you are one sad little man. There's a lot more to life than never driving 60 in a 55.

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One more thing. If you were to do your history homework you might learn that the term "happiness," as used in the Constitution, actually refer