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Swanson Response

An Open Letter to Max Weber from Ron Swanson

Dear Mr. Weber,

You are a sad excuse for a human being.

The mere fact you would spend your lifetime researching an arcane topic like *bureaucracy* makes me sick to my stomach. You waste your time sitting in a room alone thinking your thoughts on how to make it more difficult for me to do the things that I want to do, like canoe making or drinking dark liquors, and for that you should be hanged. If I could challenge someone to a duel, I would choose you in a heartbeat, and it would be your last.

You have assumptions that human beings act rationally. Apparently sitting alone in your room you don't interact very often with other human beings of flesh and blood, but human beings are the *least* rational animals on this planet we call Earth. My sentient friends spend their evenings watching "Here Comes Honey Boo Boo" as they stuff their faces with gluten-free potato chips and diet soda, while also enjoy 6 slices of cheese pizza. The only thing rational about that is absolutely none of it. Nothing about that is rational, and that's why you're stupid.

When I was a kid, I worked in a coal mine 7 days a week until bureaucracy got in my way and told me I was too young. Who are you to tell me I can't be employed and start to save money -- which by the way I will never keep my money in institutionalized banks, nice try Bernanke. Bankers are like clear alcohols: useless to everyone except rich women.

Some people say that bureaucracy is red tape. That is inaccurate. Bureaucracy is like the woman friend of a lady you're trying win over with chivalry, who consistently wedges herself in between you and her much more attractive friend. And in all this analogy, you're some sort of weird person smoking illegal substances in a corner observing with a crooked smile, and then writing useless books all about the woman friend who's ruining my life. Everyone knows that woman is a terrible person, just like everyone knows bureaucracy is horrendous.

My favorite observation of yours is that bureaucracy leads to the depersonalization of society, and that people will lose their ability to make choices for themselves -- they'll live in an "iron cage." The fact this is a cornerstone of your sick, disgusting theories on bureaucracy is a reflection of the failure that you are. Any two-year-old with a crayon could've told me that

bureaucracy destroys the ability for people to make decisions that they want to make.
Bureaucracy told me I couldn't work as a child, but apparently you've been employing children to help you come up with your silly theories.

In closing, I wanted to remind you that you're one of the worst people to walk this Earth. If you really want to do something useful with your life, you should dig a hole, and then bury yourself alive in it. Make sure to also bury your "theories," because they're just as useless as you are.

I wish you a slow and painful death.

I remain,
Ron Swanson