

What's Wrong with Economic Justice?

Imagine someone showing up at your home and saying: "We're from the government. We've determined that this dwelling has more living space than you and your family need. There are so many people who do not have enough. So we're going to move another family in with you."

This actually happened to many people following the 1917 revolution in Russia. Among the legacies of the czars was glaring economic inequality. The new leadership saw that as a serious problem. To solve it required policies designed to achieve "economic justice." So, overnight, private homes became tenements. And for more than 70 years, the Soviet Union spread poverty.

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