

The Ten Principles of Sound Public Policy

1. The road to hell is paved with good intentions.
2. Free people are not equal (in terms of economic income), and equal people are not free.
3. What's yours, you take care of; what belongs to everyone or no one falls into disrepair.
4. Sound economics consists of looking at the long-run effects of an act or policy on all groups, not simply the short-run effects on a few.
5. Trust the consumer in casting her money vote in the market place just as you trust the voter's judgement in casting her ballot vote in an election.
6. Nobody spends someone else's money as carefully as he spends his own.
7. The government has nothing to give anybody except what it takes from somebody.
8. A government that's big enough to give you everything you want is big enough to take away everything you've got.
9. Some people are dissatisfied with free enterprise if it doesn't work perfectly and satisfied with government if it works at all.
10. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.