



“Robbing Peter to pay Paul” is morally wrong.

TAKING SOMEONE’S MONEY FOR YOURSELF OR to give to someone else—whether using government as an intermediary or not—is not morally praiseworthy. “Robbing Peter to pay Paul” or allowing Paul to take from Peter does not rise to the level of virtue or have moral merit.

Voluntarily using your own time and money to help another is a different matter. Benevolence, charity, and compassion are virtues. But charitable acts involve voluntarily giving of yourself to another—not being forced to “give” by government. Neither government coercion nor compliance with government coercion has moral merit.

To demand that everyone pool their resources into a giant pot for redistribution of wealth by politicians and bureaucrats is doomed from the start. On top of that, taking away our ability to teach and build these characteristics and morals into our families and communities runs the risk of morally bankrupting our society, as well.