

Henry Hazlitt

Quotes

*Government, Real, Men, Liberty, Hands, Mean, Income, Political, Giving, Law,
Growth, Running, Groups, Long, Self, Order, Pay, Taken, Justice, Poverty*

Give me the clear blue sky above my head, and the green turf beneath my feet, a winding road before me, and a three hours' march to dinner - and then to thinking!

~Henry Hazlitt

Practically all government attempts to redistribute wealth and income tend to smother productive incentives and lead toward general impoverishment.

~Henry Hazlitt

Economics is haunted by more fallacies than any other study known to man

~Henry Hazlitt

When the government makes loans or subsidies to business, what it does is to tax successful private business in order to support unsuccessful private business.

~Henry Hazlitt

The 'private sector' of the economy is, in fact, the voluntary sector; and the 'public sector' is, in fact, the coercive sector.

~Henry Hazlitt

The envious are more likely to be mollified by seeing others deprived of some advantage than by gaining it for themselves. It is not what they lack that chiefly troubles them, but what others have.

~Henry Hazlitt

The government has nothing to give to anybody that it doesn't first take from someone else.

~Henry Hazlitt

The first requisite of a sound monetary system is that it put the least possible power over the quantity or quality of money in the hands of the

politicians.

~Henry Hazlitt

There is no more certain way to deter employment than to harass and penalize employers.

~Henry Hazlitt

Inflation makes the extension of socialism possible by providing the financial chaos in which it flourishes. The fact is that socialism and inflation are cause and effect, they feed on each other!

~Henry Hazlitt

Today is already the tomorrow which the bad economist yesterday urged us to ignore.

~Henry Hazlitt

Liberty is the essential basis, the sine qua non, of morality.

~Henry Hazlitt

Government can't give us anything without depriving us of something else.

~Henry Hazlitt

Inflation is a form of tax, a tax that we all collectively must pay.

~Henry Hazlitt

The real solution to the problem of poverty consists in finding how to increase the employment and earning power of the poor.

~Henry Hazlitt

Inflation is not only unnecessary for economic growth. As long as it exists it is the enemy of economic growth.

~Henry Hazlitt

Multiculturalism means your kid has to learn some wretched tribal dirge for the school holiday concert instead of getting to sing 'Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.'

~Henry Hazlitt

Government planning always involves compulsion.

~Henry Hazlitt

The more things a government undertakes to do, the fewer things it can do completely. When the government tries to do everything it must do everything badly.

~Henry Hazlitt

From a strictly economic point of view, buying gold in a major inflation and holding it probably presents the least risk of capital loss of any investment or speculation.

~Henry Hazlitt

The system of capitalism, of the market economy, is a system of freedom, of justice, of productivity. But these three virtues cannot be separated. Each flows out of the other.

~Henry Hazlitt

Contrary to age-old prejudices, the wealth of the rich is not the cause of the poverty of the poor, but helps to alleviate that poverty.

~Henry Hazlitt

We cannot distribute more wealth than is created. We cannot in the long run pay labor as a whole more than it produces.

~Henry Hazlitt

A Day never passes without some ardent reformer or group of reformers suggesting some new government intervention, some new statist scheme to fill some alleged 'need' or relieve some alleged

distress.

~Henry Hazlitt

Need is not demand. Effective economic demand requires not merely need but corresponding purchasing power.

~Henry Hazlitt

The essential function of the State is to maintain peace, justice, law, and order, and to protect the individual citizen against aggression, violence, theft, and fraud.

~Henry Hazlitt

The crying need today is not for more laws, but for fewer. The world must be saved from its saviors. If the friends of liberty and law could have only one slogan it should be: Stop the remedies!

~Henry Hazlitt

Would-be income guarantors ignore or despise the capitalistic system that makes their dreams dreamable and gives their redistribute-the-income proposals whatever plausibility they have.

~Henry Hazlitt

The tendency of welfare spending in the United States has been to increase at an exponential rate.

~Henry Hazlitt

The long-run historical tendency of capitalism has not only been to increase real incomes more or less proportionately nearly all along the line, but to benefit the masses even more than the rich.

~Henry Hazlitt

Capitalism will continue to eliminate mass poverty in more and more places and to an increasingly marked extent if it is merely permitted to do so.

~Henry Hazlitt

The only real cure for poverty is production.

~Henry Hazlitt

The only way government bureaucrats know of keeping prosperity going is to inflate some more - to increase the deficit or to pump more money into the system.

~Henry Hazlitt

A hundred welfare programs, spending more and more billions, lead to chronic budget deficits, which lead to increased paper-money issues, which lead to higher prices.

~Henry Hazlitt

Prolonged inflation never 'stimulates' the economy. On the contrary, it unbalances, disrupts, and misdirects production and employment.

~Henry Hazlitt

Modern capitalism benefited the masses in a double way - both by greatly increasing the wages of the masses of workers and greatly reducing the real prices they had to pay for what was produced.

~Henry Hazlitt

Relief, or redistribution of income, voluntary or coerced, is never the true solution of poverty, but at best a makeshift, which may mask the disease and mitigate the pain, but provides no basic cure.

~Henry Hazlitt

Libertarians are learning to their sorrow that big businessmen cannot necessarily be relied upon to be their allies in the battle against extension of governmental encroachments.

~Henry Hazlitt

If precious metals had been abundant, they would not have been precious.

~Henry Hazlitt

Economic progress and justice do not consist in superbly equalized destitution, but in the constant creation of more and more goods and services, of more and more wealth and income to be shared.

~Henry Hazlitt

To try to cure unemployment by inflation rather than by adjustment of specific wage-rates is like trying to adjust the piano to the stool rather than the stool to the piano.

~Henry Hazlitt

What is put into the hands of B cannot be put into the hands of A.

~Henry Hazlitt

In a thousand fields the welfarists, statisticians, socialists, and interventionists are daily driving for more restrictions on individual liberty.

~Henry Hazlitt

There can be little doubt that many egalitarians are motivated at least partly by envy.

~Henry Hazlitt

In order that one industry might grow or come into existence, a hundred other industries would have to shrink.

~Henry Hazlitt

A man who is good from docility, and not from stern self-control, has no character.

~Henry Hazlitt

Everywhere the means is erected into the end, and the end itself is forgotten.

~Henry Hazlitt

A certain amount of taxes is of course indispensable to carry on essential government functions. Reasonable taxes for this purpose need not hurt production much.

~Henry Hazlitt

If there is to be no loss whatever of dignity or self-respect in getting and staying on relief, then there can be no gain in dignity or self-respect in makings some sacrifices to keep off.

~Henry Hazlitt

Bureaucrats denounce private enterprise for the consequences of their own reckless policies and demand still more governmental controls.

~Henry Hazlitt

For every alleged benefit that the politicians confer upon us, they must necessarily deprive us of something else.

~Henry Hazlitt

Diluting the money supply with paper is the moral equivalent of diluting the milk supply with water.

~Henry Hazlitt

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