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In a recent speech, Barack Obama holds himself and his family up as an example of how the welfare state works for people. He then falsely declares that Republicans think it is wrong for him to give back to those who are less fortunate since he was only able to succeed off the backs of others.

This is rather twisted logic considering that he isn't talking about giving anything back himself. He is merely taking credit for giving back as he signs further legislation that redistributes the wealth of the producers.

He inadvertently got one thing right: the fact that he, as a former dependent on society, should be the one giving back. This must be the first time I have ever heard someone rightfully place the burden of giving back on the people who rely on the welfare state rather than the producers who made it on their own.

But Obama's contradictory solution is to "give back" by expanding the welfare state. Rather than give back to the producers that he took from, he plans to take from them even more and give it to the people who, like himself, should be the ones who should be giving back. Rather than thank those whose wealth was expropriated so that he could succeed, he disdains them and takes from them even more.

It is time we abandon this whole notion of "giving back" altogether. It is a notion that adopts a "social compact" (to use Obama's words) that ties everyone together via mutual sacrifice. Instead, we need to adopt Ayn Rand's philosophy of individualism that encourages us to work together based on voluntary exchange, each to our own mutual advantage.

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