

Humanity has always been a benevolent race. The members of its species assist each other, and eventually, form a community in which it is social protocol to help others. A community is formed based on one key idea: those who have more should help those who have less. Upon this ideal, we founded our concept of society, and yet, when the time comes, we refuse to uphold our part of the bargain that we have made with our communities. When we are asked to give help to those who need it, we refuse, simply because it is *inconvenient* for us to do otherwise. This should not be the case. It is the duty of members of society who have more to help others who have less.

In today's world, capitalism is prevalent, not only as an economic system, but as a way of living. Working hard to gain financial stability is far from a sin—it is a virtue. After all, capitalism is ingrained in our society. However, helping others is one of the building blocks of a basic community. Even the most primitive apes assisted each other, creating communities of those who regularly collaborated, and thus formed communities. To refuse to help others when one is able to, is to betray the nature of the communities that we are, and abandon a way of life that has brought us to the 21st century.

Our capitalistic society, our economic instability, and our greed have all driven us to believe that giving to others is not an obligation, but a choice. We must change that. When we can help people because we have more than they do, we *must* help them, if not due to moral and

ethical reasons, then due to the fact that our community depends upon it. It is the promise of mutual assistance that binds our society together, and we must uphold that covenant, or society will not function. We have a duty to others in our community, and must uphold it with the intensity and ferocity that is expected from a true American.