

## Re: To all "patriotic" americans...

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Tony Reed wrote:

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- > *In article <40019B8F.F2DC14A7@NeOaSrPtAhMlNiOnWk.net>,*
- > *"David J. Dachtera" <djesys.nospam@NeOaSrPtAhMlNiOnWk.net> wrote:*
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- > *:I don't think it was guilt so much as being desirous of leaving a legacy*
- > *:other than that of one of great "robber barons".*
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- > *These old "robber barons" all made their money befoe income taxes were*
- > *introduced. This is more important than one might think.*

Explain.

- > *I blame Henry*
- > *Ford for Walmart. I blame the Romans for everything else.*

I don't get the connection.

Henry Ford developed mass-production into a viable business model.

Sam Walton developed discounted mass-merchandising into a viable business model.

Rome developed debauchery, perversion and decadence into an art form.

Where's the link I'm not seeing? ...or is it as simple as "commodity products" that are affordable to the masses? (Rome doesn't fit the pattern.)

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