

HERE AT STONY BROOK - Monday, May 16, 1983

THEME UP AND OUT

"Our government," Edward Everett once declared, "is in its theory perfect" and in its operation it is perfect also." The United States government, and all the thousands of governmental entities at the state, county, regional and municipal levels are, of course, not perfect in operation. From the contributions of William Jennings Bryan, Theodore Roosevelt, Robert LaFollette and Woodrow Wilson came Franklin Delano Roosevelt's "New Deal," and all the later federal tax distribution philosophies. Now Americans have Ronald Reagan and the New Federalism.

Hi, everybody. This is Al Oickle at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. The program is called "Here at Stony Brook." In today's program, and in next week's, I will be talking with four faculty members, here at Stony Brook, about New Federalism and how it is changing the operation of government that Edward Everett once thought perfect.

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For most Americans, taxes may be the third or fourth highest consumer of their annual income. For an average family of four with an annual income of \$30,000, as much as \$7,000 may go to taxes. Taxes, of course, go to governments---the towns and cities, the counties, the school and fire districts, the states and the federal government. Some of that tax money comes back to each taxpayer's home community. In a sense, the taxpayer "buys" a school and the services of its faculty and staff; buys highways and their maintenance; and, in general, pays for all the common services available to the public. Today we will take a look at how Americans have organized themselves in governmental units

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and discuss how well their taxing systems function. With me are two faculty members at the State University of New York, here at Stony Brook. ~~Dr. [redacted]~~ Dr. Richard ~~[redacted]~~ Silkman is assistant professor at Stony Brook's Harriman College of Urban and Policy Sciences. Dr. Silkman, you have been studying the efficiency of federal and state financial assistance to local governments. Did you conclude, as Edward Everett did, that "our government is perfect in its operation"?

Dr. Mark Schneider is associate professor in the Department of Political Science, here at Stony Brook. With Professor John Logan, He has written a paper called "The New Federalism, Inequalities and Fiscal Strain: A Suburban Perspective." Dr. Schneider, you have concluded that "local governments in the United States have been created separate and unequal." What do you mean by that?

INTERVIEW SILKMAN, SCHNEIDER: *distribution of*  
-History of government level, fund  
-New Deal as Depression's crusher  
-Great Society  
-New Federalism: Nixon-Reagan  
-Urban renewal - Community Development Block Grants  
-Schneider: zero-sum game: success for one suburb implies failure for another  
-Silkman: productivity clauses (NY AFDC, Mass. reg. schools)

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Next week, I will continue this discussion with Dr. Eric Lampart of the Department of History, *and* ~~[redacted]~~ with Dr. Glenn Yago of the Department of Sociology, both here at Stony Brook. Dr. Lampart is one of the country's leading urban historians. Dr. Yago recently gave a major paper on urban theory and national urban policy for the 1980s. I hope you'll join us next Monday at

6 p.m. at WUSB-FM\* Until then, this is Al Oickle. So long, everybody.  
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"In general, the art of government consists in taking as much money as possible from one class of citizens to give it to the other." - Voltaire, "A Philosophical Dictionary/Money"

"Government, even in its best state, is but a necessary evil; in its worst state, an intolerable one." - Thomas Paine, Common Sense, Chapter 1.

"The essence of a free government consists in an effectual control of rivalries." - John Adams, "Discourses on Davila."

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