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In contrast to the welfare-warfare-regulatory state, a free society will exceed the people's expectations. A free market, featuring a currency chosen by the people, not the government, can meet all people's demands for quality goods and services. Private charities could effectively and compassionately take care of those needing help without creating an entitlement mentality. Schools would view parents as customers and so would not use the classroom as a vehicle to undermine the parents' values. We can always expect authoritarianism and poverty from big government and peace and prosperity from liberty.

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