

A Conversation

Progressive: You say capitalism and a free market help some to get rich and the rest to be better off.

Conservative: Yes.

Progressive: I don't care if I'm better off. Others should not get rich.

Conservative: Why?

Progressive: It's not fair.

Conservative: You want something that never was and never will be.

Progressive: There are ways to make things fair, and it really really bothers me when they're not.

Conservative: What you really mean it that it hurts your feelings. You're experiencing envy, one of the worst of the seven deadly sins. If you're not rich, you don't want anybody else to be rich either. How's that different from the worst aspects of greed?

Progressive: What? I'm not greedy. I care for poor people.

Conservative: Then why don't you want them to be better off?

Progressive: You're racist!