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*But the homeless should have a say and should be able to run their own communities.*

In cases where cities have made the mistake of allowing sanctioned camps or homeless communities to govern themselves, problems have arisen, such as a “mutiny” situation in Oregon where a [tiny home community of homeless locked out city workers](#). So that the city had to [shut down](#) the facility. Cities have made many big mistakes in addressing homelessness.

One mistake has been enabling of nuisance behavior. In areas with overtolerant politics that enable illegal camping, [homeless have become quite demanding](#) and in some places are even “demanding” [free land](#)

We’ve also seen a “contamination” of those addressing homelessness, with an [Identity Politics](#) which distorts the purpose of the work and alleges causes for homelessness that have no basis in fact. We see [major media claim that homelessness is caused by an invisible miasma of “institutional racism”](#), instead of the bad life choices and criminal acts of those who end up in the street. We see homeless agency directors so confused about their purpose that they hire a [trans stripper](#) with funds that s/b used to solve homelessness.

Hence there is a need for accountability for all programs and service providers. [Some providers have significant failures](#) yet keep getting [contracts w/ cities](#).

There has also been a problem with a [homeless industrial complex](#), where it becomes clear that because a large number of people are profiting from homelessness, we have to ask whether there is a conflict of interest in govt & nonprofit employees maintaining a problem so that they can financially benefit from it. If homelessness were solved, who would lose their jobs?

Hence there is a crying need for an approach to homeless crisis which is level-headed and common-sensical, based in facts and not ideology, not interested in appearing virtuous (virtue signaling) but rather doing things that produce concrete positive outcomes and which work. As well, it’s important that approaches to this issue would be based in a realistic understanding of human psychology rather than a pollyannish view that denies the problems of dependency on govt handouts, entitlement, enabling, and instead dignifies people by asking them to contribute to their own support and work to contribute back for what they have received.

*But, there are always going to be people who don’t want to live in boxes, who want to be off the grid and nomadic. You can’t force people into a lifestyle they reject.*

Yes, and there are places for such people. [Slab City](#), or [Quartzsite AZ](#), or other spots where people can boondock in the US do exist. If you want to live a certain way, you have to put in the work to find out how to do that, you can’t just insist that you have a right to camp illegally b/c you want to. Things tend to need more regulation when they become more problematic, and that is what we are seeing with homelessness and vagrants at this point.