

Dear Swedish middle class, here's an idea: since the pathetic losers in the suburbs are already accustomed to living in squalor, it's easier for them to deal with all sorts of problems. Therefore we should use the government funds that could be spent on improving public transportation, making it free for all, to instead benefit those of us who enjoy a higher standard of living by providing tax deductions for residential and other loans. After all, we can always take out loans and buy ourselves city jeeps, avoiding public transportation altogether. This would allow even more money to fall into our hands; only we know how best to use it, anyway. The working class doesn't have a choice but to use public transportation, financing our homes and cars along the way. It is much the same when it comes to the tax money that could be spent revamping dilapidated rental housing; let's just cash in our tax deduction whenever we get bored with the colour of our marble counters and feel like remodelling our kitchens. Why don't we institute a market rent rate, while we're at it? This will force the remainder of the pathetic paupers out of the city centre, so we are no longer forced to look at their depressing faces. We can take it a step further and make even more cuts in the healthcare in the suburbs. Maybe that will endow citizens with the self-respect needed to just obliterate themselves. Cancer already kills over 40% more poor people than rich people, but we can do better than that. And of course we should be able to make tax deductions on our private health insurance plans. After all, it's just another way of making sure resources are put to the best possible use. Those working-class losers are stuck paying taxes so they can seek treatment in their pathetic medical centres; we, on the other hand, receive our tax return and jump the queues at the hospital. Of course, the more astute ones among us send our money to the Cayman Islands and don't pay any taxes at all. Currently, over 80 billion euros of Swedish money are transferred into offshore accounts every year. Anyone with a little extra money can do it. Well thought-out tax planning could help us improve those numbers even more. As long as we can keep the debates about the problems with immigration alive, the working class will not notice that we're robbing them blind. All cutbacks are, of course, necessary and are not at all an excuse to empty out the public treasury. The same arguments come in handy when justifying changes to basic infrastructures, making commerce of service. If we just manage to portray every single migrant as a potential terrorist, we can take things even further. Luckily, there is already a Swedish political party dedicated to doing just that; and to top it off, they enjoy the support of the Swedish business sector. Symbolically distancing ourselves from them—we aren't racists, after all—allows us to still reap the benefits of the political climate we allow them to instigate. With them on the scene, we can also avoid the pointless discussions around solidarity and humanism in politics. As long as we symbolically oppose them, we're set in that area and can focus the remainder of our energy into diverting funds from the scary, migrant-filled suburbs to happy, middle-class areas. Soon we won't have to mix with the working class at all. They will be kept in their rightful place by on-call work and other precarious forms of employment, social uncertainty and complete educational segregation. The more temporary jobs we can create from unskilled labour—let's go ahead and call it a gig economy—the more control we can exert over the working class. If they don't know whether or not they will still be employed by next week, they won't be so quick to go on sick leave when they get sick, and they definitely won't complain about their working conditions. They'll think twice about pestering us. For now, poor people still have some possibilities to attend colleges and universities, but with rising housing costs we will be able to take care of that problem also.