

Brendan Barber on the Big Society

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I like Brendan Barber. He is a compassionate human being. So [when he said this today](#) about David Cameron's relaunch of the Big Society (amazing it needed relaunching already) I think anyone should take note:

"The most worrying thing about the 'big society' is that prime minister truly believes that policies of slash, burn and sack will make all our lives better, and not just for those for whom he is planning tax cuts.

"The logic of this is that his ideal society is Somalia where the state barely exists, and his hell the Scandinavian societies that the rest of us admire for combining quality services, equality and dynamic economies."

I fear he is right.

Certainly all the evidence supports Brendan.

No wonder so many people are worried.