

Atlas Shrugged is cheap pornography for the nastiest si...

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[Giles Fraser said that in the Guardian this morning.](#)

And this:

As a work of literature, Atlas Shrugged is drivel, and not simply because it is so up itself with its own perceived radicalism; fundamentally, all propaganda is drivel, even if it is propaganda in a good cause. Ayn Rand's cause was to celebrate what she called "[the virtue of selfishness](#)", to denigrate the poor as scroungers and to celebrate the muscular individualism of the creative heroes of capitalism. Altruism, she contends, is "complete evil". The question she poses: what would happen if all the bankers and captains of industry went on strike? What would happen if these Atlas-like gods, who hold up the world, decided one day to shrug and refuse to support everyone else? Then the world would be buggered, she contends.

Paul Ryan says Ayn Rand is his political inspiration.

Now you know why he' so dangerous.