

The politics of envy

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George Monbiot [is good on the politics of envy this morning](#), arguing that they are strongest amongst the rich.

Read the whole article, it's good. I like this, especially, on the pursuit of wealth without limit and what drives it:

The same applies to collective growth. Governments today have no vision but endless economic growth. They are judged not by the number of people in employment — let alone by the number of people in satisfying, pleasurable jobs — and not by the happiness of the population or the protection of the natural world. Job-free, world-eating growth is fine, as long as it's growth. There are no ends any more, just means.

Quite so. And that's what the politics of envy is about: denying more and more people their fair share of the world's means.