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Libertarian propaganda term BINGO.
Play this while you listen to any libertarian ranter.

Hayek or Ayn Rand	Class War	Unexpected Consequences	Individualism	Free Trade
Austrian Economics	Collectivism or Socialism	Invisible Hand or Magic Of The Market	Natural Rights	Distortion of the Market
Consensual or Voluntary	Self- Ownership	Liberty Freedom Capitalism Free Market	Redistribution	Entrepreneur
Classical Liberal	Government Failure	Rationality or Reason	Spontaneous Order	Greed Is Good
Private Property	Limited, Minimal or Small Government	Fiscally Conservative	Economic Freedom	Coercion, Aggression or Force

Orwell said that language makes humans easy to control – control their language and you control them.

Libertarians and other conservatives have spent hundreds of millions of dollars on public relations campaigns over several generations to attempt to shape our vocabulary in the most Orwellian manner. Here is a sampling of their terms and what they really mean.

Anarchocapitalism: feudal private ownership of law and everything else.

Austrian Economics: crank economic theory for opposing Keynesianism and progressivism.

Ayn Rand: cult leader of Objectivism.

Capitalism: steamroller of productivity, none must stand in its historically inevitable way!

Class War: it's the fault of the lower classes for standing up to their exploiters.

Classical Liberal: the pre-marginalist economists who only endorsed capitalism. No American Founding Fathers need apply!

Coercion, Aggression or Force: all law, excepting law to protect private property because that's what libertarians value.

Collectivism/Socialism: all government. Pay no attention to the socialist protection of private property!

Consensual/Voluntary: the religious idea of grace, applied to market transactions by ignoring real-world needs and power relationships.

Corporatism: moving power from the people to corporations.

Distortion of the Market: disliked regulation, ignoring the fact that modern markets are created by regulation.

Economic Freedom: representative government getting out of the way of multinational corporations profit.

Entrepreneurs: the class that should be privileged above all others.

Fiscally Conservative: hooray for the rich, fuck the poor.

Free Market: libertarians mean unregulated market, rather than the economic ideal model. Want to hire a contract killer or sell poisons?

Free Trade: the dominance of trade over popular sovereignty. No regulations allowed.

Freedom: a glittering generality that specifies nothing. Freedom for whom to do what?

Government Failure: a smartass and cynical reply to the common problem of market failure. Which does better?

Greed Is Good: the Gordon Gekko/Objectivist mantra for overlooking all side harms of actions.

Hayek: a major propagandist for markets, author of the embarrassing "The Road To Serfdom".

Individualism: a way to distract from the reality of institutions.

Invisible Hand or Magic Of The Market: market cheers for the ignorant.

Libertarian: one sided emphasis on property as the ultimate value.

Liberty: another glittering generality that specifies nothing. Liberty for whom to do what? To own slaves?

Limited, Minimal or Small Government (or Night Watchman State): a state that only enforces the laws cranks think are important.

Natural Rights: invented as an answer to the rights of kings. Nobody yet has really answered Jeremy Bentham's charge of "nonsense on stilts".

Neoliberal: a plutocrat's catspaw, working to empower plutocrats still further.

Private Property: libertarians think the world should swirl around their sacred and inviolate private property. In the real world, property is a social construct and limited for many purposes.

Rationality or Reason: Humpty-Dumpty words, that mean whatever is convenient to club opponents.

Redistribution: a scare word intended to obscure the fact that any set rules (including the current rules) create a redistribution from the previous rules.

Self-Ownership: more pseudo-philosophy pulled out of somebody's ass. Certainly not real world.

Spontaneous Order: pretense that there is no human design giving rise to the current order, and government design "interferes" with natural order.

Unexpected Consequences: a problem for government planning that never occurs in markets or private enterprise. Ahem.

Many more terms are explained at: http://critiques.us/wiki/Libertarian_Propaganda_Terms