American lives /əˈmɛrik(a)n lʌvə/ n. the units by which the human toll of a war is measured.

body camera /ˈbɒdɪ ˈkæm(a)ra/ n. a magic technology capable of turning off whenever a police officer commits a crime.

border /ˈbɔːdər/ n. an imaginary line drawn through the world, the crossing of which is met with violence on behalf of those who may live thousands of miles away from the line.

charity /ˈtʃærəti/ n. organization that attempts to partially compensate for capitalism’s failures.

charter school /ˈtʃɑːtər skoːl/ n. a school that insists it can provide better education than a public school because the people who run it are not accountable to anyone.

corporation /ˈkɔrəpʃən/ n. a collectivist enterprise in which all power is vested in a small number of central planning bureaucrats at the top and the individual must surrender their autonomy to serve the interests of the planning authority.

death tax /deθ tɑks/ n. when, upon a person becoming deceased, the state declines to tax that person’s accumulated freedom-unit score to a different, arbitrary person who did not earn those freedom-units.

disruption /dɪˈrʌpʃn/ n. changing an industry standard by finding ways to pay people less for their labor.

education /ɪdʒuˈkeɪʃn/ n. the process of being filtered for employment based on one’s pliability and deference.

employment /ɪmˈplɔɪmənt/ n. being granted permission to continue living in exchange for an adjustable daily toll.

entitlements /ɪnˈtɪlt(ə)nts/ n. small increases in the freedom-units afforded to the elderly, sick, and those who have too few units to survive.

eviction /ɪvɪkʃn/ n. forcible removal from one’s home for failure to provide the appropriate lord with sufficient tribute.

fighter plane /ˈfɪtʃər pliːn/ n. a plane that fights other planes to the death.

food stamps /ˈfuːd stæmp/ n. a system by which the poor must humiliate themselves on a six-monthly or yearly basis in order to buy a tiny amount of food they will be shamed for possessing. (Use of the stamp for lobster will result in governmental hearings.)

fossil fuel /ˈfɔs(ə)l fjuːl/ n. a suicide pill; brings gratification of immediate pleasures but causes death to one’s self and one’s offspring.

genocide /dʒiˈnəʊsɪd/ n. something white people fear will happen to them; all other uses are disputed.

health insurance board of directors /ˈhealtʃ ɪnˈʃərəns boʊˈdɪəz ˈdɪkətərz/ n. death panel.

homeless person /ˈhəʊmliːs ˈpɜːsn/ n. a person we are choosing not to house in any of the X million properties currently empty.

journalist /ˈdʒɜːrəlɪst/ n. a transcriptionist used by anonymous state officials to nudge public opinion in an appropriate direction.

landlord /ˈlændlərd/ n. precisely what it sounds like: the feudal ruler of a plot of land, entitled to extract wealth from all inhabitants.

limited government /ˈlaɪmɪtɪd ˈɡəvərn(ə)mənt/ n. government that restricts its role only to taking care of rich people.

lobster /ˈlɒbsta/ n. a delicacy forbidden to those below a certain annual threshold of freedom-units.

lottery /ˈlɔrti/ n. to exist in a space without spending money.

merit-based immigration /ˈmərɪt bɪˈsɛd ɪmˈɡreɪʃn/ n. a system of eugenics by which the elderly and sick are excluded from crossing geographic lines.

meritocracy /ˌmərɪt ərˈkreɪsi/ n. a system by which those who possess certain arbitrary qualities are granted greater positive freedom. The intended arbitrary qualities are mathematical and argumentative aptitude, though in practice the arbitrary quality is usually preexisting possession of positive freedom as measured in money.

money /ˈmʌni/ n. a freedom-unit; the imaginary scorekeeping measure by which your freedom to do things is tracked.

national defense /ˈnæʃənəl dɪˈfɛns/ n. bombing the weddings of rural poor people thousands of miles away.

nationality /ˈnæʃəlnəti/ n. a lottery system in which the winner is determined not by which numbers you pick, but where your head first emerged from a vagina.

open borders /ˈɔp(ə)bɜːrs/ n. the treating of imaginary lines between nations as comparable to imaginary lines between U.S. states.

police officer /ˈpɔli ˈɔfʃər/ n. particular class of person who is legally allowed to kill you if they claim to experience any sort of anxiety upon seeing you.

privatization /prɪˈvætɪzəʃn/ n. the process by which control of an institution is passed from the population at large to accountable central planning bureaucrats.

property /ˈprɒpətri/ n. the set of objects in the world that you are allowed to have people kidnapped for using without asking you. Because there was no justification for dividing the world into sets of owned things in the first place, property is widely understood to be theft.

reparations /rɪˈpærəʃn/ n. proposed readjustment of freedom-unit score to adjust for erroneous and malicious racial distribution error that persisted for centuries and continues to warp and render dysfunctional the entire freedom distribution system.

self-regulation /ˈsɛlf ˈrɛgjəˈleɪʃn/ n. the absence of regulation.

tax credit /ˈtekst kɹɪdɪt/ n. a once-a-year return of a tiny amount of a poor citizen’s freedom-units.

tax cuts /ˈtekst kʌts/ n. cutting the services we used to pay for with taxes.

teacher shortage /ˈtiːʃər ˈʃɔːrtɪdʒ/ n. the unwillingness of a state to pay the market wage for school instruction.

United States Constitution /juːt əˈsɛtʌs kənˈstʃuʃn/ n. the wellspring of democracy. A set of absolute rules that govern those who were excluded from the drafting of those rules.

vocation /voʊˈkæʃn/ n. a job where it is okay for the standards of pay and quality of life to be as low as possible, because the employees theoretically enjoy what they do.

voter registration /ˈvɔtər rɪˈdʒɪstrəʃn/ n. an obstacle to voting dropped in the path of people you’d rather didn’t vote.

war /ˈwɔːr/ n. a process by which people are ordered by their institutions to fight one another to the death.