Subject: Re: Top 5 most hated things!
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warranto wrote on Mon, 23 June 2008 12:23cheesesoda wrote on Mon, 23 June 2008 10:114. Utilitarianism. Yeah... as if that's a realistic moral principle. Let's all NOT take care of ourselves because somehow being completely altruistic makes sense... or not.

Umm, that's not Utilitarianism... its very easy NOT to be altruistic in a Utilitarian society.

Example: Assume that it is for the betterment of society that people do not get sick. Therefore we must remove anyone who does get sick to avoid getting other people sick. Therefore removing people who by whatever means necessary to prevent others from getting sick is the morally correct thing to do. This would include killing, segregation, burning.

Not only that doing whatever is possible to discover a cure for these illnesses is also the morally right thing to do. Including usually unethical medical practices.
Yes, I know. "Maximize benefit, minimize harm." Still, the idea is altruistic in nature. You can't value your life above anybody else, and you can't even value your friends and family over that of a dog, cat, or cow.