

Dollars and Sense
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It has been my observation that there is some waste at UK. Indeed, I have yet to be affiliated with a large organization (even for-profit corporations) that did not have some "waste." Often though, the cost of reducing this waste is larger than the waste itself. It is the attempt to reduce waste that generates volumes of paperwork and layers of bureaucracy. I similarly have no doubt that there is waste in other branches of state government (indeed, building a secret doorway might be an example). Promising to "clean up waste, fraud and abuse" is the new political "you can have your cake and eat it too." Politicians all over the country are (and have been) using this slogan in order to avoid having to make the tough choices during their campaigns. In the end, they either cut programs or raise taxes. While we can fault the politicians, the real blame lies in the electorate: there is no free lunch. If you want government programs (schools, roads, police, fire, garbage pick up, and the like) you have to pay for it. Stop voting like it's all free and start making the tough decisions yourself. Otherwise you may not like the decisions they make after you elect them.