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## **The Republic of Me**

Every man dreams of his castle but only the visionaries dream of their own country. The greedy dream of empires from sea to polluted sea, but that's not me. I just want a tidy

little island big enough for say, a million people. The great thing about the island is heavily reduced perimeter security costs and of course, the opportunity to build a really nice Navy. With the money I save on fences and walls, I could afford at least one second-hand Russian nuclear sub. Not for national defence mind you. The Republic of Me is a nuclear-free zone. I just think it would be cool to have a second-hand Russian sub. Correct me if I'm wrong.

The reality is that a huge percentage of the Earth's people can't be trusted to do the right thing, not the individual, nor the corporations nor the governments. Changing that status quo is a dreamy venture at best. It would be far easier just to have one's own country. The Republic of Me is such a place... a retreat from the global madness. A place where I can set sensible speed limits and regulate how many variations on a breakfast cereal, one can manufacture. Yoga pants would be mandatory and school kids would learn history from grade one, thereby coming to a complete understanding of why they live on my island.

This blog section will be home to the best of the Republic of Me... shining examples of shit that actually makes sense, or is at least decent, maybe progressive, creative, compassionate and other good stuff. Did I mention we'll feature yoga pants as the national dress. It'll all be here in time. Post by post I'll build my republic and following that, I'll be accepting requests for citizenship. I hope to see you all on our inaugural Independence Day, which we'll hold on July 4th just to piss off the Americans.

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**Paul Jay: December 27, 2010**

*The only problem with your island is that leaving things to human nature, things will get eventually all messed up and you will back to the same thing you were trying to escape. Or as it has been said too many times, "The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence".*