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The Conscience of a Liberal

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Pathetic Plutocrats

One of the great revelations of this political season has been the pettiness and whininess of many of the very wealthiest Americans — not to mention what awful people they are. From [New York Magazine](#):

But over the past few months, it's become clear that rich people are very, very afraid. Sometimes it feels like this was the main accomplishment of Occupy Wall Street: a whole lot of tightened sphincters. It's not a stretch to say many residents of Park Avenue harbor vivid fears of a populist revolt like the one seen in *The Dark Knight Rises*, in which they cower miserably under their sideboards while ragged hordes plunder the silver.

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More often than not, fears like these manifest as loathing for the current administration, as evidenced by the recent wave of Romney fund-raisers in the Hamptons. "Obama wants to take my money and give it to do-nothing *animals*," one matron blurted at a recent party at the Pierre for Dick Morris's *Screwed!*, the latest entry into a growing pile of socioeconomic snuff porn geared toward this audience.

Wow.

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