

Environmentalism

The state always seems to come down on the *little* guy. Take this bayou. If your motorboat leaks a little gas into the water, the warden'll write you up.

But if *companies* leak thousands of gallons of it and kill all the life here? The state lets them go. If you shoot an endangered brown pelican, they'll put you in jail. But if a company kills the brown pelican by poisoning the fish he eats? They let it go. I think they *overregulate* the *bottom* because it's harder to regulate the *top*.

A Louisiana resident on enforcement of environmental regulations in the state, quoted by Arlie Russell Hochschild, in *Strangers in Their Own Land*