

## Government

For decades we have attacked it,  
redirected it, outsourced it, and  
filled it with incompetents and cronies.  
Yes, it still works well enough when we  
need it to blow up some small country,  
but those branches of it  
designed to help out Americans of  
“lower socioeconomic status,”  
as the scientists would put it,  
are now bare.

**Thomas Frank, *Rendezvous with Oblivion***