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I'm writing to you to express my desire to use leveraged ETF's in my portfolio. They help me get the exposure I want while leaving funds available for further diversification.

For example: if I invest 35% of my investment assets in a 3x ETF--say UPRO--I have 105% exposure to the S&P 500. I also have 65% of my portfolio left over to invest in bonds, gold, cash, or anything else I think will provide some counterweight to stocks. Due to the diversification advantages leveraged ETF's provide, I'm much better able to endure market corrections.

I'm quite aware of the volatility slippage leveraged ETF's may incur. However, I view that slippage as a cost of diversification. Like any tool, used intelligently, levered ETF's provide benefits. Used stupidly, they can produce pain. You wouldn't ban the use of hammers simply because I might hit my thumb would you?

Furthermore, we have too much "big brother" going on in our society. Everyone thinks they know best, and people in power really think they know best. Unfortunately, that isn't the case.

Trying to protect speculators from themselves, you will end up hurting serious investors.

Thanks for your consideration of my view.

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