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Is “government” moral? Can voluntaryism protect life, liberty and property vs. other organized crime “governments”?


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At FreedomFest in Memphis, TN, I had the opportunity to debate syndicated radio talk show host Sam Bushman on Voluntaryism Vs. Constitutional Republicanism.

I am surprised at how infrequently I get to debate this issue, and you can understand why by how fast I have Sam on the ropes on the issue of the immorality and illegitimacy of “government.”

1.  If John told you that you had to obey him or he would violate you, that would be wrong

2.  Even if John claims that because he and his friends are in the majority, you must obey or be punished, that would still be wrong

3.  Even if John and his friends vote to have an institution work on their behalf and that you must obey its dictates or be punished, that would still be wrong

If you understand this basic concept then you understand that government neither has the legitimate or lawful right to violate you just because some people decided to vote for it

The dirty little secret of “government” is that there is no legitimate, logical, moral way to have a “government.” **Period.** There is simply no way for one group of men to *legitimately* and *logically* acquire rights that others don’t have and *morally* get the ability to extort money and make up rules for others. It has been the biggest scam of all time!

Sam is forced to concede that his pseudo- religious belief in having a “government” is going to require stealing from others. Sam is forced to make the same collectivist argument that communists make: Sam believes that having a “government” is so important to preserving greater liberty that he is OK with stealing from others and using violence against them.

Sam wants an omelet and is quite willing to break a few eggs.

STATISM



IDEAS SO GOOD THEY HAVE TO
BE MANDATORY

Pro-Tip: If your ideas for organizing society require stealing from others or forcing peaceful people to do things against their will at the point of a gun, then that is how you know they are bad ideas.

Has Anarchy ever been tried?

This (all too common) question contains a logical fallacy. Anarchy cannot be 'tried'. Anarchy is not a social or political system. Anarchy is the fundamental state of nature into which you are born. Anarchy exists every single time you voluntarily interact with other people. Anarchy factually informs the vast majority of your daily activities, even in today's mad world.

Robert Eschauzier

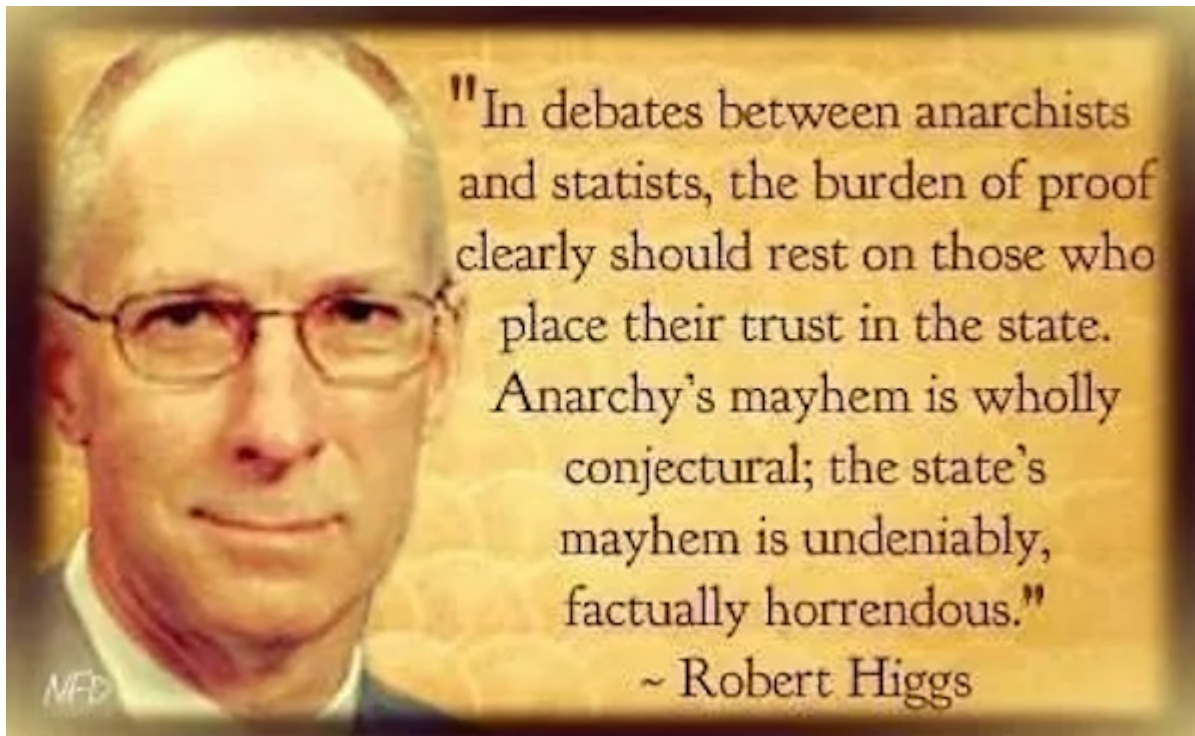
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One of Sam's arguments is that anarchy (No Rulers) has not survived long, and it doesn't exist today, so we must force

everyone into subjugation under a “government” or another “government” will come along and force us into subjugation under it and the new “government” will be more tyrannical than the “government” that is running us now.

Here is why he is wrong:

1. **Anarchy (REAL Freedom) is the default position.** Man is born free, but everywhere we are in chains. Anarchy isn't something that we should “try”... *“Government” is the experiment that has failed!* The Consitution hasn't been able to limit government at all. It has failed to protect even the basic natural law rights specified in the Bill of Rights. We must abandon “government” and have a peaceful and orderly transition back to free markets and REAL freedom!
2. **There have been many historical examples where civilizations flourished without a “government.”** The best example is the Irish, who flourished for, according to Muray Rothbard, over 1,000 years (from ~600AD until their invasion by the English in 1650 AD), but Mark Stoval estimates that the period that [the Irish flourished without “government” might be as long a 9,000 years because he sees no evidence that the Irish had any government before 600AD.](#) ***So civilization without “government” is possible.***



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3. The success of "government" (large-scale organized crime) in the 20th/21st century in conquering and subjugating weaker states doesn't mean that we should aspire to "government." The solution to stopping larger, more efficient crime syndicates is to **Expose the illegitimacy and criminality of "government" to the cannon fodder and tax-slaves of the Chinese and the Russians.** – The Chinese and Russians don't want to get suckered into a system that is against their interests any more than we do. **My prediction:** Once the scam of "government" is exposed widely in the West to where a large-scale "Laboratory-of-Liberty" (New Hampshire?) develops and proves that you can have harmony and prosperity without "government," that knowledge is going to spread rapidly, and you will see the Chinese, Russians, English, Israelis and others abandon their "governments" as well... because no one likes to get chumped... and the magicians can only pull off their tricks until the majority of the audience figures out the "big game!"

Voluntaryism – The Only Logical & Moral Choice for Self-Organizing Societies!

Jennifer
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STATIST OR VOLUNTARYIST?

SO WHICH IS IT?

Are you a statist or a voluntaryist?

You are a statist if you believe violence and extortion are the best ways to organize society. You're a voluntaryist if you believe in peaceful and voluntary solutions to solve problems.

TAXATION

Under the state, you're forced to pay taxes with the threat of imprisonment. If you escape or resist, you will be killed.

Taxation goes against the NAP and the principle of self-ownership.

MIGHT MAKES RIGHT

Governments (statism) use force to solve economic and social problems, instead of voluntary peaceful solutions.

STAT-ISM

"A political system in which the state has substantial centralized control over social and economic affairs."

VOLUNTARYISM DEFINITION

The Only "ISM" Fair for All!

Voluntaryism is a political philosophy where all relations between adults is voluntary. No one gets to use violence or extortion on anyone else, not even the "government". Voluntaryism recognizes that the world produces spontaneous order and all the services provided by the "government" (Except redistribution which is theft) would be better provided by the free market, mutual aid societies, non-profits and real charities.

NON-AGGRESSION PRINCIPLE

"Any unsolicited actions of others that physically affect an individual's property, including that person's body, no matter if the result of those actions is damaging, beneficial, or neutral to the owner, are considered violent when they are against the owner's free will and interfere with his right to self-determination"

SELF-OWNERSHIP

The most basic form of property you own is yourself.

SELF-DETERMINATION

...freely choose the products you buy,
...freely choose the relationships you keep,
...and much more.

SOLVE PROBLEMS VOLUNTARILY

Every day you solve problems voluntarily without the influence of hierarchical authority.



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I like to call Voluntaryism the only "ISM" that is fair for everyone. No one gets the "ring of power" **because there isn't a ring of power!** No one has rights that others don't. No one is exempt from morality... Not even "government"! The only political option that keeps you on the right side of the 10 Commandments, Natural Law, The Golden Rule, Karma and the Good Lord!

Etienne de la Boetie isn't an "American" just because he was born on this side or that side of an imaginary line. He is a free and sentient human being that doesn't feel the

need to join any political “gangs” organizing under colors and war banners. He is exposing the illegitimacy and criminality of “government” and the good news message that we don’t need: “Government”/ Etienne believes that society can get everything it wants from “government,” better, faster, and cheaper from the free market, mutual aid societies, co-ops, non-profits and genuine charities. Boetie2 is the author of [“Government” – The Biggest Scam in History... Exposed!](#) that reveals the tricks and techniques that inter-generational organized crime uses to fool populations into going along with “governments” so they can be tax-farmed and controlled.

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