

All states are gangs of thieves,
economic parasites.

The state is a territorial
monopolist of law provision.

The state exempts itself from
laws against theft and murder,
using euphemisms like taxation
and war.

Taxation is theft, the coercive
transfer of wealth from
producers to non-producers.

Taxation is unethical.

Taxation destroys wealth.

The state grants itself
monopolies over other
industries such as military,
police, roads, schools,
healthcare, and money.

Socialism is the abolition of a
market and replacement by a
monopoly.

Under socialism, economic
calculation is impossible.

Resources cannot be allocated
rationally because production
costs are incalculable;
planning decisions have to be
made in the dark.

The state is the source of all
other monopolies and cartels,
such as:

big banks
big pharma
big food
big energy
big tech
big media

Corporatism is the partnership
of big business and the state to
enrich themselves at the
expense of taxpayers and
consumers.

State regulators function as
cartel managers, protecting
established big businesses.

Free markets are networks of voluntary exchanges.

Economics, properly understood as praxeology, reveals that free markets maximise prosperity.

Prices that emerge from free market activity provide the information needed by entrepreneurs to optimally satisfy consumer demands.

All state interventions distort prices and production away from the optimum.

Today, we have a mix of socialism and corporatism. The state enables economic parasitism.

To maximise prosperity, all state monopolies and interventions must be eliminated.

We need free markets in everything.

Recommended Reading:

Economics in One Lesson (Hazlitt, 1946)
Lessons for the Young Economist (Murphy, 2011)
Man, Economy, and State (Rothbard, 1962)
A Theory of Socialism and Capitalism (Hoppe, 1988)

“The workings of the voluntary principle and of the free market lead inexorably to freedom, prosperity, harmony, efficiency, and order; while coercion and government intervention lead inexorably to hegemony, conflict, exploitation of man by man, inefficiency, poverty, and chaos.”

- Murray Rothbard in *Man, Economy, and State* (1962)



**Man Against
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