

Following One Principle Would Abolish Violence and Injustice

I've said this before, but it's worth repeating, loudly and often: Most of the world's problems would disappear overnight if people lived by the following principle:

1) If you don't think *you* personally have the moral right to do something, then don't advocate that anyone else do it.

All by itself, that rules out "government" entirely, and would eliminate the vast majority of violence and injustice in the world. And if we want to get extra thorough, we could add a second, somewhat overlapping principle:

2) If you wouldn't feel okay doing a certain thing of your own accord, then you shouldn't feel okay about doing it when someone else tells you to.

The amount of complicated and convoluted political mythology and philosophical rationalization it takes to make most people *not* grasp these simple principles is truly amazing.