

There Can Be No Exceptions

I became an anarchist a little over nine years ago when I took what Bastiat wrote to the next step (I don't think he lived long enough to do what de Molinari did as his "spiritual heir"):

"Thus, since an individual cannot lawfully use force against the person, liberty, or property of another individual, then the common force—for the same reason—cannot lawfully be used to destroy the person, liberty, or property of individuals or groups."

There can be no exceptions, even in setting up a system, no matter how small and least oppressive it is, that will deprive me of my property (then liberty, and even life, if I resist enough) if I refuse to support it, though I am not harming anyone. Even were I surrounded for 100 miles in any direction by people who somehow all agree on every particular of a government, must I still be required to participate?

"Please understand that I do not dispute their right to invent social combinations, to advertise them, to advocate them, and to try them upon themselves, at their own expense and risk. But I do dispute their right to impose these plans upon us by law—by force—and to compel us to pay for them with our taxes."

Are there indeed exceptions to people who would organize me along with everyone else?