

“Context” and The Fear of Principle

“Context” is a concept I have recently seen used a couple of different times to justify archation. As in, you just have to understand where “they” are coming from. They aren’t *wrong*, they just understand the *context* of things. Put yourself in the shoes of people who want to give themselves permission to violate the life, liberty, or property of others.

I understand “context”. I also understand it is inferior to principle.

“Context” means rape is OK to those who are afraid of principle.

Everyone who seeks to justify statism *of any degree* is afraid of principle. They have to make a choice – and they *do* make one. They choose “context”- also known as “situational ethics”.

It is true that not every decision is a “right or wrong” dichotomy. There are some “maybes” out there; some gray areas. But most of those where people want to claim “context” are clearly right or wrong, and the people wanting to use “context” are wanting to feel good about doing the wrong thing. Consequences don’t care how you justify your archation.