

Missouri River Morality

If you explain to people why the state is a fundamentally immoral institution — among other things, it relies on extorted and stolen funds, gained by threats of violence, for its very existence and nearly every action it takes — and therefore conclude that it ought to be abolished, people will object that alternative institutions might not work, that is, might not supply certain goods and services (e.g., protection of person and property) that the people want.

So, in effect, what these default-statists are saying is that they do not care about morality, that unless someone can guarantee them that certain things they want will definitely be supplied to them in an alternative, just system, they prefer to stick with the intrinsically criminal system. This is Missouri River morality, a mile wide and an inch deep, and consequentialism at its worst.