

On Occupancy-and-Use II

I have no quarrel with the occupancy-and-use property norm espoused by left anarchists so long as that entails what I consider reasonable theories of occupancy, use, abandonment, and appropriation. These are: 1) *occupancy* consists of possession by the owner or his agent, 2) *use* consists of deploying occupied property as a means of accomplishing a purpose or achieving a result, 3) *abandonment* consists of relinquishing occupancy and use through neglect, trade, or forced restitution, and 4) *appropriation* consists of occupying and using unoccupied and unused or abandoned scarce resources. Market forces will ultimately decide which of the numerous theories will survive in a free society, but these seem reasonable and generally preferable to me. What about you? And that's today's two cents.

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