

On Sandboxes

Do you find it as difficult as I do to put your voluntaryist principles aside in order to engage with other people on questions of public policy? Here's a metaphorical trick to make it easier: view every ideology as a sandbox. Some sandboxes, like voluntaryism and stoicism, are filled with pure, clean sand. Others are more or less filled with nasty things, like dog shit and blood. Although you may have to take a shower after, it's alright to leave your sandbox to go play with others in theirs. You don't have to make their sandbox your sandbox, and your sandboxes will be there waiting for you when you're ready to return. And who knows, maybe by generously playing with others in their sandboxes you'll attract them to come play with you in yours. You might even discover new sandboxes that are just as fascinating as your favorites. Yay! Sandboxes can be fun! And that's today's two cents.