

An Open Letter to a Statist

Dear Statist,

If you have an opinion about music that differs from mine, I don't really care. I can ignore the difference and get along with you just fine.

If you have an opinion about evolution that differs from mine, I don't really care. I can ignore the difference and get along with you just fine.

If you have an opinion about style that differs from mine, I don't really care. I can ignore the difference and get along with you just fine.

If you have an opinion about religion that differs from mine, I don't really care. I can ignore the difference and get along with you just fine.

If you have an opinion about history that differs from mine, I don't really care. I can ignore the difference and get along with you just fine.

If you have an opinion about medicine that differs from mine, I don't really care. I can ignore the difference and get along with you just fine.

And so on. And so on. And so on.

HOWEVER....

If you have an opinion about *politics* that differs from mine, I can't just ignore the difference and get along with you. Why not? Because *any* "political" opinion that differs from mine necessarily includes you wanting men with guns *forcing* me to live my life, make my choices, and spend my money according to *your* preferences and whims. There is no such thing, and can be no such thing, as a tolerant statist. If you want peaceful coexistence, *you* have to stop advocating violent aggression against your fellow man.

Sincerely,

A Voluntaryist