

# Most People Act in a Peaceful, Friendly, Voluntary Way

A helpful thing to keep in mind is that, in almost every setting and every medium, what you *hear* about is not at all an accurate representation of what all is actually happening.

The news might report the one horrible car crash today near where you live. They won't report how many thousands of people got to where they were going *without* crashing. The newspaper will tell the story of some sadistic sociopath getting caught doing some evil crap or other. It won't describe what millions of decent people did today. And so on.

And the world is so damn big, and has so many people in it, that the sheer *scale* of things makes it impossible for the average person to really grasp. If we hear five horrible stories that happened in a city of two million, that can easily make it feel like stupidity and evil are everywhere, and constant. But they aren't.

What you personally experience on a daily basis is a far more accurate indication of *reality* than what you will see or hear almost anywhere else, *including right here*. I talk about examples of authoritarian evil and injustice all the time, and there is certainly no shortage of examples. But hearing about that so often can make one feel depressed, overwhelmed, discouraged and hopeless. So I'm flinging this message out there to give a bit of balance.

The number of people practicing peaceful coexistence is massive, and growing all the time. The vast majority of people will *not* be committing fraud or aggression today. And yes, there are even some cops and soldiers whose consciences are doing battle with their statist indoctrination, and *winning*. They are choosing humanity over blind obedience. You won't hear about it very often, because almost no one has a reason to know about it, or to talk about it.

I'm not saying we should stop pointing out and condemning evil. I won't. But it's good to also remember how much actual humanity happens every day – normal people interacting in a peaceful, friendly, voluntary way. That is already *most* of society. Now we just need to make it *all* of society.