

# Predatory States are Predatory

The state only deals with people by hurting, killing, caging, and robbing them. It wraps these actions up in hundreds of thousands of pages of demands, orders, mandates, regulations, prohibitions, licenses, and certificates; but the bureaucratic maze which supposedly allows individuals to escape unscathed is an illusion. If you succeed, they tax you; if you fail, they fine you, but you are extorted regardless. If you resist, they kill you; if you submit, they cage you, but your freedom is obliterated either way. If a particular freedom is widely enjoyed, it will be forbidden except to those who purchase permission in the form of a license. The state claims jurisdiction over your life, liberty, and property; and it will not hesitate to deprive you of any or all of these at the slightest provocation.