

Rule Yourself

Recently another sociopath took power of the greatest criminal institution in the world, the US federal government. Another megalomaniac sits on the throne and will attempt to dictate how you can live your life. The problem is not whether this person is black, white, male, female, Christian, Jewish, rich, poor etc. The problem is that the throne and the institution exists at all AKA the State. Its existence is a symptom of the underlying root mental disorder known as Statism or the belief in authority. It is the belief that gives some people superhuman rights over other people. It is the belief that most people are fundamentally evil, immoral, mendacious, and deceitful; such that they are incapable of governing themselves and must be forcefully governed by individuals acting in the name of the State. How can it be that the fundamental immoral nature of the individual changes to benevolence and magnanimity when great power is assumed? It is not only that power corrupts, but also that it attracts the corruptible. It is a magnet for that trivial insignificant minority that wishes to do harm to others. The State is the greatest and most effective manifestation of power. This is simultaneously its mighty danger and its seductive allure. Those who create value, interact with their fellow human beings on a voluntary and consensual basis. Those who cannot create value, interact with their fellow beings through violence and coercion.

Even if it can be proven that the person who assumes power is good intentioned, genuinely kindhearted, and noble, there is no way such a person can govern millions of people without causing massive harm. This is the case for many reasons; the economic calculation problem, individual free will cannot be predicted, circumstances change so quickly as to render archaic laws and regulations immediately obsolete, and morality cannot be dictated. Stop imagining some crooked politician can improve your life. Assume personal responsibility for all your failures and achievements. The only person who deserves credit for the effects of your actions is you. We are all thinking sentient human beings with the ability to learn new and amazing things that will improve our lives. Be the captain of your fate and the master of your destiny! Rule yourself!

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