

The Liberty of Man

The consistent libertarian is not “hostile to family, to religion, to tradition, to culture, and to civic or social institutions,” but he is also not necessarily supportive of any particular version of these things. Conversely, the inconsistent libertarian will frequently elevate his preferences regarding family, religion, tradition, culture, etc. to the point where he abandons the principles of self-ownership, non-aggression, and laissez-faire; and attempts to impose or push his preferences on others.

Robert G. Ingersoll had it absolutely correct when he said, “The most important thing in this world is liberty. More important than food or clothes — more important than gold or houses or lands — more important than art or science — more important than all religions, is the liberty of man.”