

Theft Makes “Society” Happy

Is it good to take your property from you if doing so makes me feel good, and makes the person I give it to feel good?

What if almost everyone says they are made happier when I take your property?

People who believe in “public good” are OK with it. And, it seems that everyone who believes in political government thinks it’s OK.

Even if you say you only support a “night watchman government” you’re advocating the same thing with the same justification. But you can keep your “night watchman”; I don’t need or *want* one. I have better things to spend my money on. If I come to believe I need a night watchman I would rather spend my money on security cameras and more weapons. If for some reason I feel particularly scared for a while I would rather hire a night watchman of my own choosing, and I wouldn’t expect you to chip in to pay him... unless you *want* to.

I see people who support government making this kind of argument all the time. They believe if enough people are happy that my money is being taken, then it’s good. I would be crazy to object- my opinion isn’t a serious opinion. I am not one of the “adults” contributing to the conversation. All because I don’t support theft just because “the majority” are made happy because of it.

Funny that I don’t see it that way at all. There is *nothing* I want bad enough to have someone steal from you to pay for it on my behalf.