

Winning Arguments

Guest post by Eric Peters.

The other day I had a chat with a neighbor friend. He posed a rhetorical question, “You do believe *some* taxes are necessary, right?” Rather than debate the merits of this or that tax, this or that function funded by taxes – I merely replied that as a non-violent person I am opposed to the use of violence, for *any* reason except in self-defense. I therefore oppose, I told him, the violent taking of other people’s property for *any purpose whatsoever*. That while I might prefer this or that outcome, I would rather people dealt with one another on the basis of persuasion and mutual free consent – and not at gunpoint.

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