

A Defense of Atrophy

“Progressives” – those who believe that a maximized involvement of government in your life and economic affairs (not just theirs, of course) is in fact *progress*, i.e., the creation of a better world – see individual liberty as a liability, not an asset. They believe that the overwhelming majority of even that increasingly diminutive portion of human activity which yet stands outside of governmental control is inherently *out of* control, and must be reigned in by any level of naked force necessary to gain compliance... up to and including lethality.

And if that's to be called “progress,” then I am and always will be an ardent defender of not stasis, but active regression, if not out-and-out atrophy.