

A “State” is a Failed Society

I’ve seen various places referred to as “failed states”- Somalia being a frequent example. The term is used in an attempt to insult.

The most insulting part is that anyone tolerates those trying to impose a state on them, or that anyone is dumb (or evil) enough to do it to themselves.

If you have a state, you’ve already failed. You’ve failed to find voluntary ways to live among other humans and have decided you’re going to cheat.

A state is a failed society.

To fail at something which is unnecessary is a tragedy which can bring disaster where none was inevitable before.

Yes, a failed state can be deadly. Any failure can be.

If a dishonest surgeon performs an *unnecessary* heart transplant on a patient, and it fails, the patient will die. Even if it doesn’t “fail”, it was a really bad idea. The patient has been harmed whether he realizes it or not. The heart transplant was not a good idea, nor was the one performing it a good guy trying to help.

A state is the same. It’s unnecessary and harmful- even if it doesn’t fail. The state is antisocial; based on theft and aggression. It is **your enemy**. There will be consequences when it fails. And it will fail eventually. They all do.

And when it fails, tragedy is likely. Once you’ve crippled a population- trained them out of responsibility, competence, independence, and ethics- by imposing a state on them, how do you expect them to form a functional society if your state fails? You’ve done the damage; own it.