

Authority is a Myth

Badges don't grant extra rights.

This is the CopBlock slogan, but it's not just a slogan, it's the truth of the matter, and essentially the entirety of the (ethical) anarchist argument. The underlying belief is "authority," that someone has the right to rule you.

Legislation," etc., is viewed to be inherently legitimate (authority) and obedience a moral duty. This rights issue can be dissected by outright asking the statist if "...law enforcement" have rights which no one else does, and/or if one is morally obligated to obey the law.

Most will immediately say yes, others will perhaps struggle if they are truly open to thinking about it, because that is essentially the belief.

But there is no possible way that police have rights no one else does. Where did they get them? Voting? People gave them rights they don't even have by voting? This is, in fact, the belief.

Even if one were to say "rights don't exist," then the state, composed of humans with no rights, cannot create them without magical ink. Political sorcery?

If, however, the agents of the State do not have rights no one else does, then they are not "government/authority," as this implies they *do* have rights no one else does, and, for example, a "leo" is *not* a terrorist/robber/etc. when he forces someone into a cage for growing cannabis, etc., he is "Authority."

Therefore, "Government" does not exist, as "Government" is *only* the hallucination that "they" have rights no one else does/ "Authority," and no one could have possibly given them rights they do not have themselves.

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