

Only Behaving “Good” Because Government Says To?

One of the creepiest things about statism is that it seems to actually convince a bunch of otherwise good, rational people that if there were not a political ruling class telling them how to behave, that they *themselves* wouldn't behave as they should.

Consider how schizophrenic and weird that is. “I know that people should behave *this* way (e.g., not defrauding, assaulting, murdering, etc.), but I'm not sure that *me* believing that would make *me* not do it, unless I have politicians and their hired enforcers *making* me not do that.” If that is true of you, that's both creepy and sad.

And if it's just *other* people that you think need controlling, because they're devious, nasty, selfish and malicious, I have some bad news for you: *those* are the people who will end up running whatever “government” you hoped was going to make people behave.