

Government “Solutions” Aren’t Based on Principle

When it comes to the physical world, you can either make random, unsupported and disjointed *guesses* about what is going on, or you can start with basics, try to understand some principles of physics, chemistry, etc., and then try to put together a somewhat coherent view of what is going on. For example, when it’s raining, you might see a flash and hear a boom, and arbitrarily theorize that maybe some gods are mad. Or you could take the time to understand some principles about electrical charges, sound waves, etc., and eventually reach a conclusion that isn’t complete crap.

As it happens, figuring out how human society should function can be approached from the same two angles: randomly making up theories and ideas based on whims and feelz, or trying to first figure out some *principles*—of economics, human behavior, morality, etc. For example, when you see some people behaving in a way that you think isn’t ideal, you can have an irrational, knee-jerk emotional response along the lines of, “Some big thing should use violence to make that not happen!” Or you could start with understanding some *principles*, such as self-ownership and non-aggression, and figure out a sane solution from there.

There are *no* “government” solutions that are based on principles. Ever. Whether it’s about drugs, or crime, or education, or immigration, or disease, or poverty, or anything else, authoritarian solutions *always* come from fear-based, unprincipled, arbitrary emotional reactionary crap. Every single time. And that’s why such “solutions” never fix the problems of society, and almost always make them far worse.