

Human Nature

I was just recently contemplating the fact that Karl Marx's *Communist Manifesto* (1848), Gustave de Molinari's *The Production of Security* (1849), and many if not most of Lysander Spooner's core works all coincided with one another temporally. Yet, look at the enormous influence Marxist socialism and communism have exerted since the mid-nineteenth century — including economic ruination, starvation, war, political tyranny, and straight-up genocide — while libertarianism, for all intents and purposes, remains a fringe philosophy ridiculed by statists of both Left and Right, and widely considered by most people as nothing but a childish utopian fantasy.

And what does that say about human nature?