

# Is Libertarianism Extreme?



*Guest post by Jacob Hornberger.*

Statists oftentimes accuse libertarians of holding extreme views. One reason for that is that since we have all been born and raised in a society based on welfare and warfare, the libertarian philosophy, which stands in opposition to socialism, interventionism, and imperialism, seems extreme to statists.

Consider, for example, the right to keep one's own money and decide what to do with it. To a libertarian, that's just as normal as, say, the right to decide what which books to read or the right to attend church or not. When a person earns his money by offering goods and services to others, the money belongs to him. Why shouldn't he be free to keep it?  
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