

Libertarianism is Too Rational

I've written elsewhere, in places too numerous now to recall, about the fact that many if not most libertarians make the erroneous – and largely false – assumption that the average person actually wants to be free. All the evidence demonstrates that they don't.

There's another reason why libertarianism fails to gain mass appeal: It's too rational.

Libertarian ideology (and it is just that – an ideal – one that is probably unrealizable, given that it requires human cooperation with such) is consistent. It's not based on the same arbitrary, infinitely flexible tenets of Statism. It appeals to pure logic and reason (albeit even among self-proclaimed libertarians, there's room for disagreement on some of the finer points).

And that is another of its downfalls.

Yes, human beings are capable (ostensibly, anyway) of reason, rational thought, and logical deduction. It's what separates us – some say – from the beasts in the wild. It's why some human beings are able to build skyscrapers, build computers, solve complex math equations, and send spacecraft out to distant celestial bodies. Libertarianism presumes that people – at least, most people — act this way all the time. But this ignores that, in large measure, human beings *do not act rationally*. And they fail to do so on a supremely consistent basis.

Many innocuous aspects of human nature do not rely upon logic. There is nothing particularly "logical," for instance, in having a favorite color, liking a certain rock band, or falling head over heels for a certain woman. But none of these are quirks that in any way threaten the existence or functionality of a free and prosperous society. On the contrary, they may even contribute to it in a complimentary way.

People, however, favor ideas and behavior which is not so easily assimilated: They favor redistribution of wealth (government theft), attack free markets as evil, are angered by gun ownership and free speech, accept and work at government jobs. They see racism in everything that moves, cheer on the State's aggressions as if they were part of a winning team. They vote. They eat Tide pods.

You get the picture. With *that* as the raw material to work with – crowds of cattle who are more interested in football games and sitcoms than Spooner or Mises (and don't even know who those two latter were – or care) – what chance does an elevated, evolutionary philosophy like libertarianism / voluntaryism stand?

None.

You cannot “educate” a society full of beings who exhibit such low intellect, coupled with an almost total inability to process facts in a consistent and cogent manner.

I wish I could read you a comfy bedtime story here at this point, but that’s not the world we’re stuck in. The rulers know the ruled are basically complete fucking idiots – even many if not most of the ones with several university accolades hanging on their office walls – and while the rulers are often no prodigies themselves, they are cunning, ruthless, and brazen enough to get away with playing farmer on the farm. And they have plenty of even more sinister, bloodthirsty goons with guns to help them get their way (*more* evidence of the irrationality of the herd) in the face of any resisters. Needless to say, most people aren’t resisters. They’re just soft, pliable, Silly-Putty clowns who only want *pan et circe*.

Conclusion? Is there one? You tell me. Just thought I’d point out the obvious, once again.

Enjoy life.