

On Big State Libertarians

When libertarians argue that because we live in a statist society we should advocate for the state to perform functions that private owners would in a stateless society – things like border control and crime prevention – what they are in essence advocating is the growth or enlargement of the state apparatus. There is absolutely nothing *libertarian* about “solutions” of this sort to the problems we face from immigration and crime. On the contrary, these are 100% *statist* solutions regardless of their likelihood of being performed by private owners in a stateless society, as evidenced by how much larger and more powerful the state becomes by their adoption. Libertarians who advocate for this sort of thing can hardly be considered libertarians at all. And that’s today’s two cents.

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