

On Government Murder

R. J. Rummel estimated that the institution of government killed just over a quarter billion people last century. What is the institution of government? It's the group of people in society who believe, without evidence, that they have the authority to impose their rules onto peaceful people. The only difference between a government and other forms of organized or disorganized crime are the ways in which its parasitic tendrils have managed, through myth and coercion, to latch onto every function in society. Has the wealth leeched from society by governments enabled them to fund various scientific and technological enterprises, bringing new understanding and innovations to the world? Sure, but so what? Does it follow that because governments have sped up scientific and technological advancement, they are justified in the crime that they engage in? Do microwave ovens, GPS, and the Internet justify a quarter billion murders, and so much more? You can keep your science and technology if they must be advanced with bloody hands. And that's today's two cents.