

On Liberty and Security

The statist is someone who favors the aggressive monopolization of the provision of law and order by whatever group of individuals is able to successfully do so. The total statist is someone who favors the aggressive monopolization of the provision of every good and service. Either statist, because they support the unjustified initiation of aggression, is a supporter of what literally amounts to the enslavement of mankind. They differ only in degree. One justification they use is *security*. Without the monopolization of the provision of law and order, everyone would kill or otherwise bring great harm to one another, or be conquered and possibly killed by some foreign aggressor. Likewise, without the monopolization of the provision of health-care, roads, schools, etc., people would fall prey to those who would let them die in the name of profits. Quite the dreary worldview statist have. With liberty comes death, and without it, remains life. There are a myriad of rational objections to statism, but here is mine: Give me liberty; I'll worry about my death. And that's today's two cents.

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