

On Primitivism

I've got major sympathies for the philosophy of anarcho-primitivism, the idea that primitive living would make us healthier and happier. The agricultural revolution, while being necessary to sustain growing populations, brought with it poor diets, poor lifestyles, poor parenting practices, and the cancer of statism resulting in economic exploitation and poor childhood educational practices. The industrial revolution compounded these, while improving things in other areas (medicine, for example). The achievements of mankind over the long run have been a mixed bag. We're smarter about the universe and have achieved some amazing scientific, technological, and engineering feats, but we're less healthy, less happy, more stressed, and more confused. (Or so it seems to me.) The silver lining? Had the agricultural revolution not occurred by now, most of us wouldn't even be alive to lament it. So there's that, and today's two cents.

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