

Outcome-Based Reasoning

Here is a fine example of “outcome-based reasoning” that I’ve seen from a number of border-fetish closet statist:

“National ‘borders’ is a state-created concept, and therefore *any* ‘policy’ about those borders—including the policy of *not* violently stopping people from crossing—is a ‘government program.’ Therefore, ‘open borders’ is just as statist as ‘closed borders.’”

That is how scared pseudo-anarchists engage in mental gymnastics, fishing for an excuse to justify the authoritarian violence that they think might serve *their* interests. No, *refraining* from threatening violence is not an act of “government” aggression. Duh.

And arguments like that also show the desperation which *fear* can create in people’s minds, to the point where they will argue things that the average five-year-old would be ashamed to argue.

“Well me *not* beating up the other kid on the playground, and *not* stealing his lunch money, is still me deciding whether to do that, so that’s not any better than me deciding I *should* beat him up and take his money! So I might as well take his stuff.”

^ ^ ^ This is your brain on statism. ^ ^ ^