

Re: Independence Day

Commenting on my latest column “Violence-Born Independence Day,” Carl Watner wrote:

While the emphasis on how many people wanted independence and how many wanted to remain loyal to the king is interesting, it is really irrelevant to the voluntarist position. Majority rule cannot override individual rights. It would not make any difference if 99% wanted independence or if 99% wanted to remain loyal to England. The whole basis of coercive government (whether for independence or for English affiliation) is that EVERYONE in a given geographic area must be subjected to whoever or whatever is the governing sovereign. The voluntarist would eschew all governmental choices in favor of self-government, self-ownership, and rightful ownership of property.

Indeed. It doesn't matter one whit if even a majority wanted to revolt. To bring destruction to all would be unjustified.

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