

Social Contract Fallacy

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You are a slave.

If you've ever argued with a government apologist, you've heard the social contract fallacy. It says that even though government does evil things like steal your money and kill people, that is okay because everyone agreed to live under the government's rule.

Of course, there is no explicit contract. Nobody agrees to give away 50% of their income when they turn 18 either verbally or with a pen. So, the statist needs to fall back on the idea of an implicit contract. This is the idea that by living in a certain country, you implicitly agree to follow whatever rules the government comes up with. This argument is easily overcome by pointing out that if you are on land that you own, then nobody has the right to come onto your land and force you to join their "club". That is called extortion. Extortion is what government does.

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