

# Statism and War Are One and the Same

Statism and war are one and the same. What is usually called “war” is nothing but statism taken to its ultimate conclusion. And what is usually called “statism” is nothing but war stopped short of reaching its ultimate conclusion. They both spring from the conviction that the “political means” – i.e., institutionalized violence, aggression, coercion, and parasitism – constitute the ultimate paradigm of efficiency. And, consistent with this conviction, they will not hesitate in perpetrating and glorifying even the most inconceivable monstrosities. In other words, the only hope for a peaceful, civilized society lies in making the statist mentality utterly, universally, and irreversibly repugnant. Otherwise all that is left is an endless war of all against all – local and parasitic at best, global and cataclysmic at worst.