

Statist Misrepresents Laissez-Faire

Here's another statist lie, paraphrased for brevity:

"Sorry, libertarians. You are wrong. We know laissez-faire doesn't work, because it means there are no rules. You have to have some government, just not centralized control, because that doesn't work, either."

Yes, I heard one make that argument recently. He's wrong.

All government is centralized control. Yes, there are differing amounts. But if there is no centralized control it's not government as people understand government. It would be something else. Centralized control- any and all centralized control- is cancer. There's no way to keep it from metastasizing.

Laissez-faire doesn't mean there are no rules. The rules are just not imposed by a coercive, thieving gang of molesters. Control, in this case, is provided by social interactions. By the market. By self-interest. "Bottom-up" (which works) rather than "top-down" (which doesn't).

To make the claim the statist made is terribly ignorant. He probably believes himself to be very enlightened.