

The Criminalization of Hate Crimes

I oppose the criminalization of so-called hate crimes. Whatever happened to be in the mind of a criminal should not be seen as altering the nature or augmenting the severity of his crime.

However, if hate crimes are going to be an enforceable legal category, wouldn't it make sense to recognize people who are impelled by statism to commit wrongs — that is, to support or carry out the government's business as usual — as having committed hate crimes?

After all, the state has been far and away the most vicious and destructive institution human beings have ever devised, so support for it and its characteristic actions would seem to be *prima facie hateful*. Enforcing this kind of hate crime would certainly alter the face of law and politics as they presently exist.