

The Separation of X and State

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While reading *The Privatization of Roads and Highways*, the author, Walter Block, discusses the unwillingness of people to even begin to think about the complete privatization of roads, which are widely considered to be a public good. The point of the book is to quell these concerns and prove objections to road privatization wrong, and on page 178, he makes a profound comment.

He mentions that his call for the separation of “roads and state” is really no different from other “radicals” calling for the separation of things like mail and state (eliminating the US Post Office), schools and state (completely private education), and welfare and state (voluntary charity). This immediately made me think of the most famous separation: the separation of church and state.

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