

# The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Voluntaryists

I was taught the seven habits of highly effective people by my youngest granddaughter, when she was in elementary school. I thought of them as being positive for 3 reasons: 1) my granddaughter was no average public school student, 2) her school was no ordinary public school, and 3) I had some new and useful principles around which to organize my voluntarism. In another post, I will address how these principles derived from Stephen Covey's book apply to the life of a voluntaryist, then I will discuss other, more specific habits that relate directly to the practice of voluntarism.

*Habit 1: Be Proactive. ...*

*Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind. ...*

*Habit 3: Put First Things First. ...*

*Habit 4: Think Win/Win. ...*

*Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood. ...*

*Habit 6: Synergize.*

*Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw.*

The following habits could be thought of as behaviors which are sprung from Habit 7 above (Sharpen the Saw).

*Voluntaryist Habit 1: Think of non-political solutions to political problems.*

*Voluntaryist Habit 2: In understanding, remember that everything is as different as it is like something else.*

*Voluntaryist Habit 3: Allow for spontaneity.*

*Voluntaryist Habit 4: Observe natural law.*

*Voluntaryist Habit 5: Be careful of which numbers you count.*

*Voluntaryist Habit 6: Study truth.*

*Voluntaryist Habit 7: Think Win/Win One-to-one.*

*Voluntaryist Habit ...*