

Political Ideologies

Theory & History

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Anarchism

- Different versions of anarchism
- Difference between time periods and geographies

Anarchism

- **The Core**
- Highly optimistic view of human nature
- Absolute and unrestricted freedom
- Opposition to the state
- Utopianism

Anarchism

- **“Individuals should have full autonomy over their own lives.”**
- **John Locke:** “Man has no freedom without laws”.

Anarchists turn this phrase upside down:

“Man has no freedom with the state.”

Anarchism

- **Individualist anarchism**
- **Collectivist anarchism**

Individualist Anarchism

- Egoism
- Time store
- Solitude
- “Leave me alone” approach
- Against taxation by the state
- Benjamin Tucker: “ An anarchist is anyone who denies the necessity and legitimacy of government”
- “Firmly and forever outside the mainstream”.

Collectivist Anarchism

- Stateless socialism
- “All property is theft”
- **Peter Kropotkin** (1842-1921)
- Mutual aid, mutualism

Collectivist Anarchism

- **Pierre-Joseph Proudhon (1809-1865)**
- Mutualism
- Attacks all forms of property, a cooperative productive system organized towards need rather than profit and organized within self-governing communities

Collectivist Anarchism

- **Pierre-Joseph Proudhon (1809-1865)**
- “...to be governed is to be watched over, inspected, spied on, legislated, regimented, closed in, indoctrinated, preached at, controlled, assessed, evaluated, censored, commanded; all by creatures that have neither the right, nor the wisdom, nor the virtue”

Collectivist Anarchism

- **Mikhail Bakunin(1814-1876)**
- Anarchism via revolutionary means
- “The urge to destroy is also a creative urge of human life”

Collectivist Anarchism

- **Georges Sorel (1847-1922)**
- Defense of violence
- The emphasis on myths
- “General Strike” as a myth to mobilize people, form resistance and implement radical change
- Collectivist anarchists mostly criticized revisionists

Anarchism

- Individualist Anarchism

- Ultra-liberalism
- Extreme individualism
- Sovereign individual
- Civil disobedience
- Egoism

- Collectivist Anarchism

- Ultra-socialism
- Extreme collectivism
- Social solidarity
- Social revolution
- Communalism

Anarchism

- **Individualist Anarchism**

- Market relations

- Private property

- Anarcho-capitalism

- **Collectivist Anarchism**

- Social obligations

- Common ownership

- Anarcho-socialism

Anarchism (challenges)

- Utopianism, little or no pragmatism
- Two strands of anarchism are way different from each other, almost opposite in some respects
- Highly in dialogue with other ideologies

Anarchism

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Next Week

- next week, **fascism**
- please don't forget to check out the relevant chapters from both our books!
- thank you...