

# ***Justification of Anarchism***

## ***That People Are Born Free***

Our rights are taken, not granted, and inalienable. Each person born in the world is heir to all the preceding ages. The whole world is ours by right of birth alone. Duties imposed as obligations or ideals, such as patriotism, duty to the state, worship of god, submission to higher classes or authorities, respect of inherited privileges, are lies.

## ***If People Are Born Free, Slavery is Murder***

Nobody is fit to rule another. It is not alleged that people are perfect, or that merely through his/her natural goodness he/she should not be submitted to rule. There are no super human beings or privileged classes who are above 'imperfect humanity' and are capable or entitled to rule the rest of us. Submission to slavery means surrender of life.

## ***As Slavery is Murder, So Property is Theft***

The fact that humanity cannot enter into their natural inheritance means that part of it has been stolen; either by means of force (legalised, conquest or robbery), or fraud (persuasion that the state or its servants or an inherited property owning class are entitled to privilege). All present systems of ownership mean that some are deprived of the fruits of their labour. It is true that, in a competitive society, only the possession of independent means enables one to be free of the economy (that is what Proudhon meant when, addressing himself to the artisan, he said, 'property is liberty' which might seem at first sight in contradiction with his dictum that it was theft). But the principle of ownership, in that which concerns the community, is at the bottom of inequality.

## ***If Property is theft, Government is Tyranny***

If we accept the principle of a socialised soci-

ety, and abolishing heredity privilege and dominant classes, the State becomes unnecessary and unnecessary government becomes tyranny. "*Freedom without Socialism is Privilege, Injustice - Socialism without Freedom is Slavery, Brutality*" (Bakunin).

## ***If Government Is Tyranny, Anarchy Is Freedom***

Those who use the word 'anarchy' to mean disorder or misrule are not incorrect. If they regard government as necessary, if they think we could not live without Parliament directing our affairs, if they think politicians are essential to our well-being and that we could not behave socially without policemen, they are right in assuming that anarchy means the opposite to what government guarantees. But those who take the reverse opinion, and consider government to be tyranny, are right in considering anarchy, no government, to be freedom. If government is the maintenance of privilege and exploitation and inefficiency of distribution its tool then only anarchy is order.



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