

# 4 Things You Need to Know About Anarchy

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*“The most useful piece of learning for the uses of life is to unlearn what is untrue.” ~[Antisthenes](#)*

Anarchy is often a confusing term to most people, but it needn't be. It simply means no masters, no rulers, the absence of political authority. Unfortunately, most people think it means chaos and disorder. This is due, in no small part, to statist propaganda and a kind of Orwellian doublespeak that keeps the masses ignorant and confused. It's also due to a simple misunderstanding about the human condition. Most people assume, either due to cultural conditioning or political brainwashing, that they need to be ruled over, forgetting the very obvious fact that people are fallible, including the people who would rule. They fall victim to the classic logical fallacy appeal to authority; while also getting caught up in a vicious tautological reasoning – people are bad therefore they need to be ruled by people are bad therefore they need to be ruled by people are bad...on and on, ad infinitum and ad nauseam. It's all psychological. But people don't need rulers, they need leaders.

That said, here are four things you probably didn't know about anarchy.

## 1. Anarchy Implies Freedom

*“No man is free, who is not master of himself.” ~[Epictetus](#)*

If self-rule is the foundation of anarchy, then, freedom is its cornerstone. We simply cannot call ourselves free if we

are a statist, for statism implies that one falls under the overreaching power and [outdated laws of the state](#), which is the opposite of freedom. Under a banner of [anarchy](#), one can consider himself free because he falls under the laws of reason, the non-aggression principle, the Golden Rule, and cosmic law. As long as these vital laws of social survival are not violated, one can call himself free and an anarchist. As long as they are violated, one cannot claim freedom, only delusion, corruption, violence, and immorality.

Freedom works both ways. One must not only fight against [becoming a slave](#), one must also fight against being a master or ruler. He who is caught up in being a master or ruler becomes a slave to his own tyranny. Slavery anywhere-whether soft or hard, whether one is a slave or a master, is a threat to freedom everywhere.

## 2. Anarchy Implies Non-Violence

*"It is forbidden to kill; therefore all murderers are punished unless they kill in large numbers and to the sound of trumpets." ~[Voltaire](#)*

The non-aggression principle is another cornerstone of anarchy. One need not be violent in order to be a free, self-ruling anarchist. One need only apply self-defense when needed, while making sure not to succumb to offensive overreach or of lording one's power over others. Freedom is paramount, including the freedom of those who think differently. That doesn't mean people are free to kill or injure or steal. It means people are free as long as they are upholding the non-aggression principle while also upholding a stout and vigilant self-defense against these few who would kill, injure, or steal.

[Statism](#), on the other hand, does not honor the non-aggression principle. It blatantly violates it. It uses the monopoly on

violence to keep its non-free statistis in line and obedient. yet again it is clear that statism is the opposite of freedom.

### 3. Anarchy Implies Courage

*“He is a man of courage who does not run away, but remains at his post and fights against the enemy.” ~[Socrates](#)*

The typical statist reaction to an anarchist rant is to either be reduced to ad hominem attacks or to say one of two things: “But what about muh roads!” Or, “If you don’t like it here then move.” As ignorant as these comments are they are coming from a place of blind patriotism and naive xenophobia. What the statistis who say such things don’t realize is that no matter where one goes, one will be a victim of a nation state. **This is because statism is a pandemic psychosocial disease and a worldwide religion that trumps all other religions.**

Better to remain in the place where you were born, rise up with your sound anarchist principles in hand, and defy the immediate state with your blatant self-rule and your in-your-face freedom, than to go to another state that you are not familiar with and potentially drown in culture shock. Better to fight for your own sovereignty where you were raised, than to interfere in a place you are unfamiliar with and have to worry about survival before sovereignty.

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