

Glib Glossary: An Easy Guide to Social Thought

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The Market (1): A terrifying system of anarchistic order where people interact voluntarily to achieve ends by mutual gain.

The State (1): A reassuring system of planned chaos where people initiate coercion to achieve ends by mutual predation.

The Market (2): An iniquitous system of social organisation whereby the weak commodities are allowed to go to the wall simply to raise the living standards of human beings.

The State (2): A benevolent organisation that extorts "protection" money under threat of seizure of property or kidnapping and incarceration.

Socialist: A vicarious philanthropist who wishes to be charitable with other people's money.

Tory: A dogmatic, ideological, paternalist who thinks he is a rational, pragmatic, paternalist.

Communist: A radical Tory.

Patriot. Someone who thinks the state created the indigenous flora and fauna, and that these benefit from occasional feeding with blood.

(Classical) Liberal/Libertarian: Believer in the right of each to be the slave of none.

Democrat: Believer in the duty of each to be the slave of all.

(Modern) "Liberal": See Democrat.

Dogmatism: The refusal to entertain criticism.

"Dogmatist": The dogmatist's label for people with opinions at odds with their own.

Dogmatic Ideologue: One who holds that ideologically correct means justify the ends - should the heavens fall! (See: Ethiopia, Cambodia, USSR, etc.)

Pragmatic Ideologue: One who holds that desirable ends justify certain ideological means - what else could?

Selfishness: The immoral folly of living unduly for oneself.

Selflessness: The immoral folly of living unduly for others.

Self-interest: The natural virtue of caring for oneself.

Altruism: The natural virtue of caring for others.

Discrimination: Observing differences, making a distinction, observing distinctions carefully, acute discernment

Reverse/positive discrimination: Discriminating against white men.

Feminism. Very confusingly, this is either an anti-feminine movement (denigrating uncoerced female behaviour), or an anti-masculine movement (denigrating uncoercive male behaviour). This apparent contradiction is reconciled by realising that the motive for "feminism" is usually a procrustean dislike of sexual differences.

Moralise. The expression of sentiments concerning some type of behaviour regardless of anyone's immediate personal interests. A natural human disposition, but without any particular content.

"Moralise": To bore an immoral person by moralising.

Moral/Immoral: That which is (to be) approved/disapproved of as a type of behaviour regardless of immediate personal interests.

"Objectively Moral/Immoral": My morals/your morals.

Justice: The enforcement of some system of laws that is objectively moral because I say it is.

"Social justice": Apparently a contraction of "socialist justice"; the enforcement of a social system of laws that only the extremely evil, cretinously ignorant, or certifiably insane would oppose.

Microeconomics: A new name for economics since Keynes.

Macroeconomics: The development of spurious arguments for state meddling in the economy.

"Privatise": The "radical" policy of turning an inefficient state-regulated monopoly into an inefficient state-regulated monopoly. (See Telecom)

Deregulate: The wicked anarchistic policy of allowing free competition to lower prices and improve services.

Sociology: The study of society.

"Sociology": The study of society using defunct economic theories or at least avoiding classical economic analysis. This partly explains the complete lack of useful knowledge generated by state-funded sociologists. The other part of the explanation is that society is studied by everyone as a matter of course, so it is difficult to come by extraordinary insights.

Hooliganism - The spectator sport of "sociologists". If your country is without this diverting pastime, here is a simple recipe for its production. Deny male youths the time-consuming responsibility and satisfaction of paid employment until they are sixteen; then pay them not to work, all the while ensuring that state police detection is feeble and state legal penalties against violent destruction are derisory.

Political Science/Politics/Government: The study of the role of the state.

"Political Science/Politics/Government": The attempt to justify a role for the state by ignoring economics in favour of mystical worship of the nation, community, civil society ...

"Doctor": A physician rather than a metaphysician; a medic; a body mechanic; a leech. After six years apprenticeship their services are so valuable that the public commonly needs to be tax-bled to support them (for people are supposed to be too stupid to insure themselves or buy medical care); only their intensive training enables them to declare a runny nose a cold, and spots acne. Cheaper, quicker-trained nurses or chemists have to be denied any diagnostic role "in the public interest" if there is the slightest chance whatsoever that they might make a mistake (doctors never make mistakes), no matter what the cost in terms of the death, suffering, and expense of restricting this care to a profession.

Profession. A lucrative state-backed racket whereby the public is denied competition among some group of suppliers and often forced to pay their wages.

Drug abuser: Someone who makes bigoted gibes about drugs other than the ones they enjoy.

"Madman": Someone a dogmatist does not understand, does not want to understand, and does not want anyone else to understand.

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