

Questions related to “Anarchy Defended by Anarchists”

1. Based on the article, give the main reason why anarchists believe government is such a bad thing. Quote at least two phrases from the article.
2. According to the article, what laws would we follow if there were no governmental laws, and why would we obey them?
3. According to anarchists, what institution is used to keep the poor in their place?
4. Most and Goldman claim that in an anarchist society, “everyone will contribute to his and the common welfare as much labor as he or she is capable of, and consume according to their needs.” In their opinion, what will prevent individuals from taking and not contributing in such a society?
5. Most and Goldman contend that, “Anarchy...cannot be brought about without violence.” With what do they compare anarchist violence in order to make it seem acceptable?
6. How does anarchist communism vary from Karl Marx’s communism? (You may have to read up a bit on Marxism in order to answer this.)
7. In your opinion, is government necessary? Support your opinion with one good reason.