

Anarchism

Intro

- Greek-“without rule”
- Negative view sense French Revolution
- Positive view around 1840



Origins

- Trace Ideas back to Buddhism or Taoism
- Combined with Socialism in 19th Century
- Authoritarianism undermines anarchism
- Never achieved national power

Origins

- Traditional Societies and *Mir* looked up too
- Ideology restricted by ends and means
- People want freedom

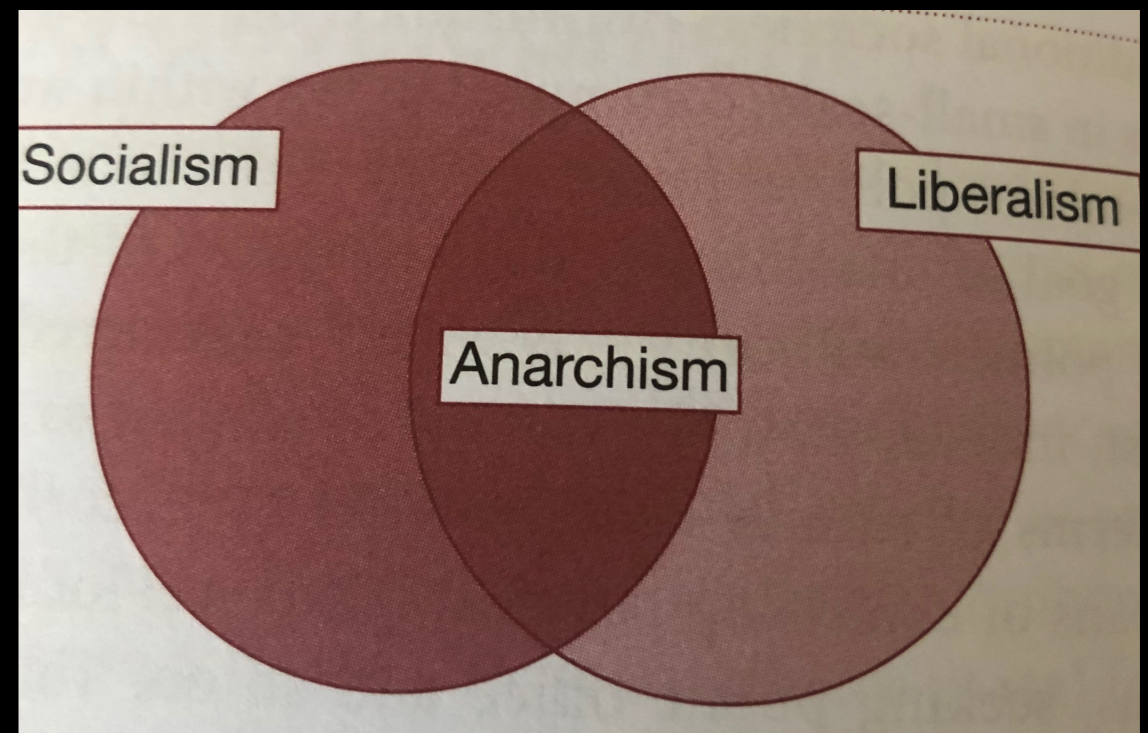


Core Themes

- States are bad
- People manage their own affairs with voluntary agreement
- Anarchists DO NOT think humans are good
- Environment is what produces humans

Core Themes

- Overlap of Socialism and Liberalism
- Extremes of either one
- 4 Core Themes



1. Anti-Statism

- Authority goes against human freedom
- Damages and corrupts everyone
- Being subject to authority suppresses nature
- Those who are in authority go to far

Anti-Statism

- Pierre Joseph Proudhon is most influential
- State is Sovereign
- State is Compulsory
- State is Coercive
- State is Exploitive
- State is Destructive

2. Natural Order

- Government is completely unnecessary
- Humans follow natural laws
- We want to live peacefully and harmoniously
- Government and unnatural laws cause problems

Natural Order

- Tends to lean towards utopianism
- Anarchists look at human potential
- Social institutions foster human potential
- Collectivist vs individualist

3. Anti-Clericalism

- Church is just as bad as Government
- Reject religion due to obedience
- People don't need to be told what is moral
- Mystic aspect is present

4. Economic Freedom

- Challenging structures of life important
- Capitalism/Classes frowned upon
- Comparable to Socialism
- All disapprove of managed economy
 - Collectivist vs Individualist

Collectivist Anarchism

- Rooted in Socialism
- Humans are sociable and cooperative
- Common Humanity negates government

Collectivist Anarchism

- Parallels Socialism
 1. Reject Capitalism
 2. Revolution for Change
 3. Collective Ownership
 4. Full Communism=No Government
 5. Humans can handle own affairs

Collective Anarchism

- Anarchists rejects Parliamentary Socialism
- State and Government are evil by nature
- Emerges in 3 Forms

1. Mutualism

- Social solidarity justifies cooperative
- “Property is theft”
- Small communities of artisans and peasants are ideal
- Social interaction is all voluntary

2. Anarcho-Syndicalism

- Revolutionary Trade Union
- Emerges all over world
- Class War is what will achieve success



Anarcho-Syndicalism

- Syndicates want to overthrow government
- Power Achieved through “General Strike”
- Direct Action is most effective
- Syndicates have no hierarchy

3. Anarcho-Communism

- Human Potential through “mutual aid”
- Self managing communes were best
- Direct democracy would work best



Individualist Anarchism

- Pushes liberalism to extreme
- Individual Sovereignty vital
- Liberalism vs Anarchism?
- 3 Forms

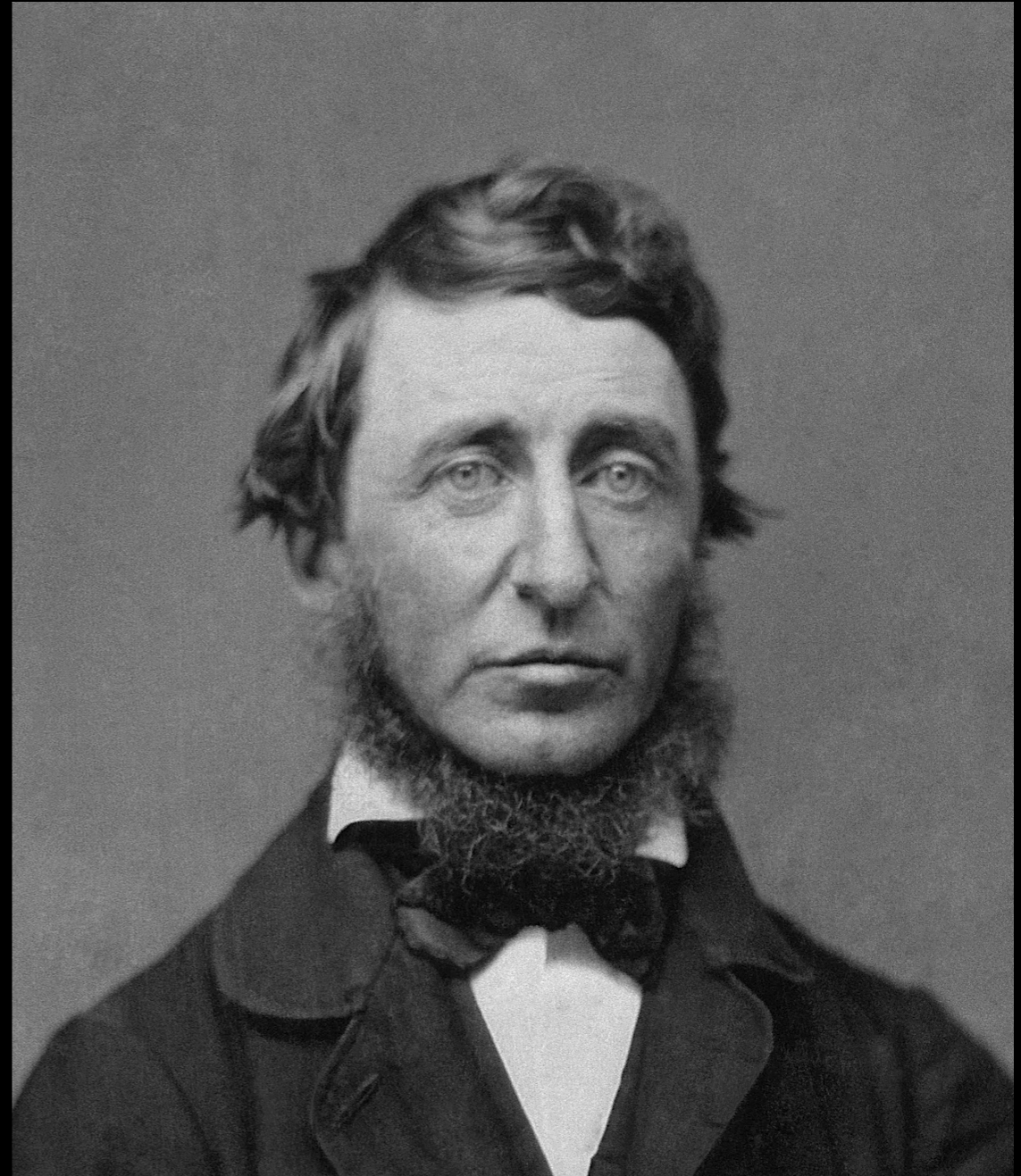
1. Egoism

- People are self centered/
interested
- People Act how they want
regardless
- Can break down
into nihilism



2. Libertarianism

- Popularized by Thoreau
- Civil Disobedience is acceptable
- People can work together



Anarcho-Capitalism

- Free Market pushed to extreme
- People will enter contracts for benefit
- Competition is good because it provides a choice
- Already seen with Neighborhood watches

Roads to Anarchy

- State is evil
- No conventional method to achieve
- 3 Accepted methods



1. Revolutionary Violence

- Oppressed Masses Revolt
- Lost support after 19th Century
- Turns to Terrorism/ assassinations in 20th Century

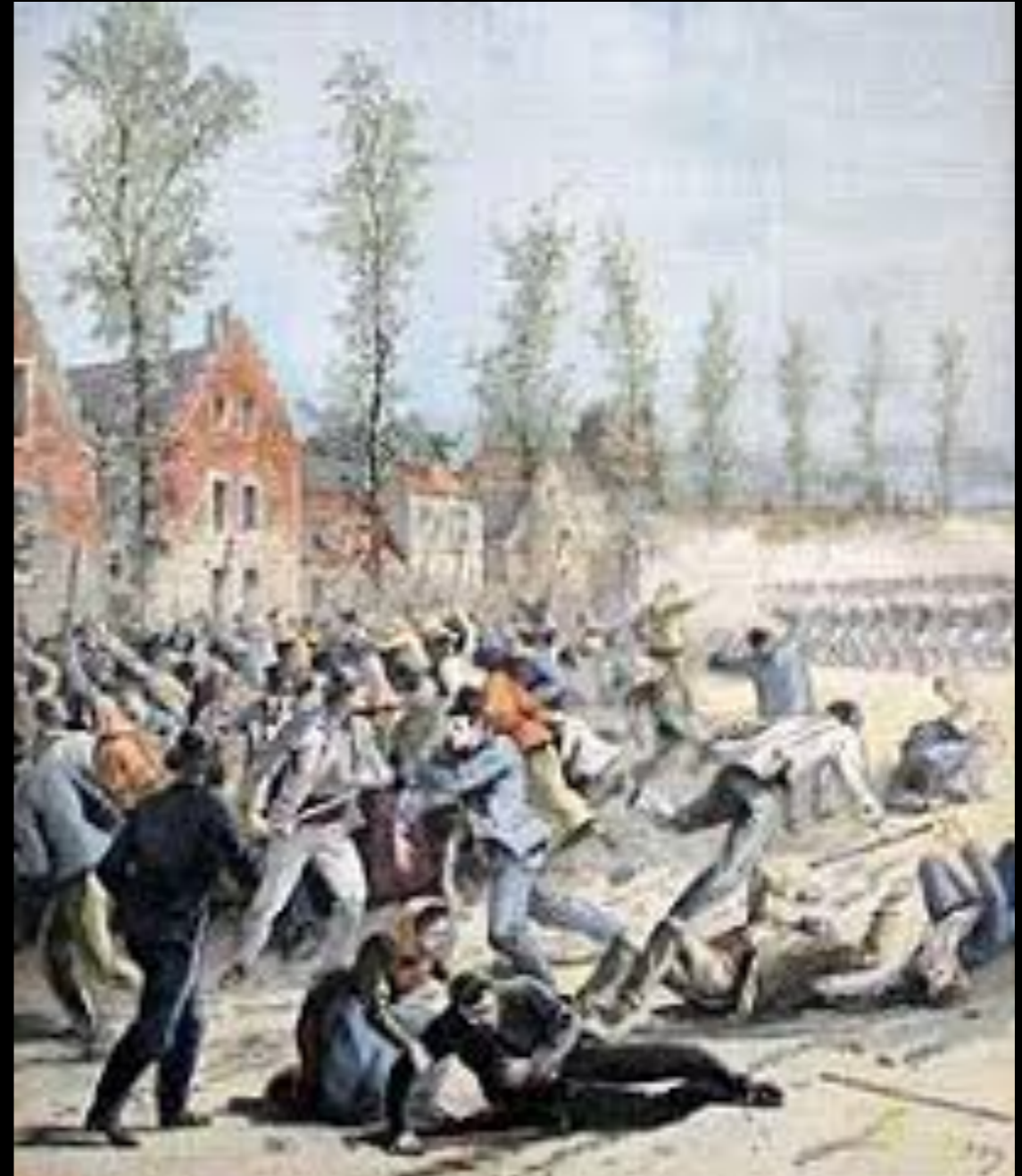


Revolutionary Violence

- Become more Anti-Capitalism and Globalism
- Violence is strategic and ethical
- Concept has been counter-productive

2. Direct Action

- Passive Resistance to Terrorism
- Gets people engaged



Direct Action

- Viewed as most productive
- Government hasn't interfered
- People make the decision
- Public support is always a factor to be taken into account

3. Anarcho-Pacifism

- Violence does more harm than good
- Humans are moral, violence is unacceptable
- Pacifism is viewed as morally strong
- Shows Cooperation and mutual respect

Anarchism in Global Age

- Very hard to judge
- Capitalism fit anarchism, but it didn't
- Best example of reemergence: Battle of Seattle
- Anarchism will continue to survive