



ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF AN ANARCHIST

Different definitions of Anarchism

- 'A political theory favouring the abolition of governments.' **wordreference.com**
- 'Anarchism is a political philosophy encompassing theories and attitudes which support the elimination of all compulsory government, i.e. the state. There are many types and traditions of anarchism, not all of which are mutually exclusive. Anarchism is usually considered to be a radical left-wing ideology and as such much of anarchist economics and legal philosophy reflect anti-authoritarian interpretations of communism, collectivism, syndicalism or participatory economics; however, anarchism has always included an individualist strain, including those who support capitalism (e.g. market anarchists: anarcho-capitalism, agorism, etc.) and other market-orientated economic structures (e.g. mutualists)' **Wikipedia**
- 'While the popular understanding of anarchism is of a violent, anti-State movement, anarchism is a much more subtle and nuanced tradition than a simple opposition to government power. Anarchists oppose the idea that power and domination are necessary for society, and instead advocate more co-operative, anti-hierarchical forms of social, political and economic organisation..'
The Politics of Individualism, p. 106 Susan Brown
- 'Anarchism is a "political tradition that has consistently grappled with the tension between the individual and society."
...as described by the 21st century anarchist Cindy Milstein
- 'There is no single defining position that all anarchists hold, beyond their rejection of compulsory government, and those considered anarchists at best share a certain family resemblance.'
The Oxford Companion to Philosophy
- 'The view that society can and should be organized without a coercive state.'
The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Politics
- 'He was inclined to anarchism; he hated system and organization and uniformity.'
Bertrand Russell.
- 'The theory or doctrine that all forms of government are oppressive and undesirable and should be abolished.'
- 'Rejection of all forms of coercive control and authority.'
- 'Active resistance and terrorism against the state, as used by some anarchists.'
The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language