

Brainstorming: Calling Things What They Aren't

Twitch streamer Emiru assaulted at TwitchCon

“Security” lets assailant go

Emiru's own private security was forbidden from the convention

People who are acting in a shady way love to call things what they aren't

Corporations trying to avoid responsibility or captured by statist

States doing the same

Security: if it isn't armed or very numerous, it's not security

Best case, nothing happens, they stand around

Worse case: observers, and probably not even great ones

Worst case: Pallbearers

Living in disarmed hellholes, holding cons in disarmed hellholes

Yes it would cost more to hire actual security

But it's fraud to call observers security

Other examples:

“free” healthcare

State “education”

civic “duty”

Mocking is good but it invites pushback

Could more simple, factual reporting have a bigger effect?

Ask questions: “How will X be enforced?” and report honestly

“Instead of security, Twitch employed observers with no orders or authority to stop or prevent assaults or other crimes”

“An unenforced weapons-free zone, honor-system only”

Gun-free/weapon-free zone: if no checks at entry, not gun-free

Interesting artifact of moving from high-trust to low-trust society

In a high-trust society, honor system can work pretty well

Believing you're in a high-trust society when you aren't is a disaster waiting to happen

Honor system fails

Those who have good intentions don't carry

Those who have bad intentions do

Police can't be trusted to protect you either

Carrying a weapon isn't an indicator of high or low trust, more like cultural artifact of government's efforts to disarm the people

Everybody should be carrying weapons, they do in low-trust

Moving to high-trust, people let their guards down, voluntarily disarm

Then disarmament is made mandatory

Moving back to low-trust, naive people are last to bring their guards back up

Once-good government goes untrustworthy too, refuses to enforce property rights, personal safety, but maintains disarmament orders

Property rights: if you can't protect it, it's not your property

Eminent domain

Laws against defense of property
Property taxes

Twitch is far-left already and probably doesn't care much about its performers
Collectivist by definition, ignores individuals

Proportionality is a luxury

In state of nature, no one to punish you for shooting a retreating thief

Maybe some cultural push-back, but probably not much

Society involves giving up some of this for proportionality

Can't shoot retreating thieves, but some high percentage chance you'll get your stuff back or at least be compensated, and thief will be caught

Reciprocal and helps prevent mere claims as justifications

e.g. "He poked me in the chest so I shot him" without evidence of the poke

Avoid misunderstandings and minor crimes that can be made right becoming more violent

But enforcement and restitution are key

When State gives up on restitution and enforcement, people ought to be able to retract their support, but at that point State usually says no