

LIBERTARIANS AGAINST GOVERNMENTAL REGULATIONS

The champions of free enterprise, in particular the libertarian philosophers, claim that all the governmental regulations of industry and commerce limit liberty. So they do: they restrict the freedom to pollute, to manufacture unsafe artifacts, to sell miracle pills, etc. To fight such restrictions on the freedom to get wealthy at the expense of public welfare is morally criminal. To oppose industrial and commercial regulations in the name of individual freedom is sheer hypocrisy. Those who favor such regulations work in the public interest. The choice before us is not that between freedom~~xxxxxxx~~ and serfdom (to an omnipotent state), but between being ruled by huge (and often incompetent and unscrupulous) corporations, and being protected by the government and the non-governmental organizations acting in our own interest.

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