

Flow of history - nationalisation - privatisation - network effects in the age of blockchain and AI?

This is a bit of an essay, a discussion, a thought process, a journey...

...happy to hear your thoughts, where are you on the spectrum?

It is not black or white, zero

Liberland and Floating Man

I'm currently in Liberland for Floating Man, having loads of insightful discussions around:

- freedom
- liberty
- state
- free market
- entrepreneurship
- anything and everything in between

Standardisation

I have a genuine belief (*not playing devil's advocate here*) that certain things work better when they are unified / standardized / working together:

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Network_effect
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Metcalfe%27s_law
- <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USB>

There was no need for government intervention for various manufacturers to come up with USB standardisation, only after the fact, after standardisation occurred the government put some regulation to it.

Recent train protests in the UK

I live in the UK, recent protests were quite disruptive, not being able to get from A to B.

Train drivers want pay rises. My genuine recommendation is fire them all, automate all the trains, offer some reskilling package for those people to find meaningful employment in regenerative agriculture (*responding to climate change, that's another monumental topic*)

Some headline stories about privatisation back in the day:

- [End of the line for the UK's privatised rail disaster](#)
- [Can Britain ever fix its privatised railways?](#)
- [Why Britain's Railway Privatization Failed](#)

Some

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Privatisation_of_British_Rail
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Impact_of_the_privatisation_of_British_Rail
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Structure_of_the_rail_industry_in_the_United_Kingdom
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_companies_operating_trains_in_the_United_Kingdom

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- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_rail_transportation_in_the_United_States

New York financier J.P. Morgan played an increasingly dominant role in consolidating the rail system in the late 19th century. He orchestrated reorganizations and consolidations in all parts of the United States. Morgan raised large sums in Europe, but instead of only handling the funds, he helped the railroads reorganize and achieve greater efficiencies.

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Breakup_of_the_Bell_System
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Kingdom_water_companies