

Debate: THBT State is Illegitimate

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Idea: Collective aggregation of any kind that limits the ability of individuals to cooperate within or outside a region/state is illegitimate. Comparative: Pre-modern communities. People constantly move because of resources. Cooperation exists in this situation as well.

What is illegitimate?

Why is the state illegitimate?

State inhibits freedom and consent

Premise: Diverse set people - Inherent diversity of identities - different interests, lived experiences, memories, cognitive and motivational dispositions - when you make a state you are necessarily combining people from such a diversity together - state cannot account for individual interest.

1. States take away consent from people - How? Trivially true in dictatorships and old kingdoms. In democracies, majority makes the decision - so the decisions of the state might be against your wish because of an arbitrary reason that you were born in a particular community where you are in minority

2. Once a government is elected, it takes decisions for 4-5 years which might not be consented with the people. Tyranny of majority: Minority at risk.
3. People cannot escape from states freely - if you have a pakistani passport you cannot leave your state
4. States need to have bureaucracies - limited control of people - therefore people dont have power

Cooperation and Compassion

Premise: State necessarily need unifying myths

1. Global cooperation is never received attention - identities v/s interests. State is a contraption of identity and not of interest. Single women in different+ countries can use help as they have common interests.
2. Limitations inherent to democracy
 - a. People see similarity in each other and therefore do not violate each others rights. State has a control over these rights only then it can be able to control these.
 - b. State's monopoly on violence which ensures rights to everyone is selectively exercised
3. Lot of more movement - move out oppressive structures
4. Empathy

DPM Rebuttals:

- Necessity stems from good consequences (Do not know how it relates) Necessity is ideologically defined.
- Lots of scientific advancements have came and states are the cause of it. Hence states cause scientific advancements? Scientific advancements have came about and states have existed i.e. no other form of power existed. Hence correlation error. Its like saying most religious people donate to charity. It does not mean that being

religious make you donate more towards charity because most people in the world are religious. So it is natural to see that most religious people donate to charity.

Opp Case

Premises:

- The debate is about the concept of state and about the instances of poor states like North Korea
- Moral Legitimacy is different from moral correctness or immorality. Something can be morally bad but still legitimate. For Ex: If I have money that could help certain poor people, but I choose not to donate the money to help them, this is morally incorrect but still morally legitimate because of my claim over the money which I have earned.

If something is necessary it is morally legitimate

- Example: Parenting. Parents take decisions for their children which in many cases are morally bad. Like it is morally bad make decision for the weak individuals which might affect their life tremendously (many times in negative ways) without their consent just because you can. However, it is legitimate for them to take the decisions because they are in the best position to make the decision. What makes something legitimate is its necessity. If the comparative that no one takes decision for the children is worse than parents taking decisions for their children AND the parents are the only entities who are in the position/have the ability to make that decision, then it is morally legitimate for the parents to make that decision. In conclusion: Necessity \Rightarrow Moral Legitimacy
- Backing Up: Necessity is a sufficient justification in many justice systems for morally incorrect acts. This can be extended to states as an actor

Why is state necessary?

1. In order to ensure that all the other rights that are necessary are available to people. Freedom of speech, right to food, shelter and clothes can be achieved only through states.

2. They are the only body large enough to get outcomes necessary and establish checks and balances.

What does a world without state looks like?

1. No centralised set of governing rules with the power to enforce those rules. Every time the state prevent horrible things like rapes, murder and theft from happening using deterrence mechanism or incapacitation mechanism of law, it affirms its legitimacy.
2. No institution to allocate resources to those who need them.
3. No advancements. Eg: Industrialisation, Medical aid for old

Consent is not sufficient grounding for Moral Legitimacy

- It is good thing if state removes the ability of individual to act in a way that they want as they will commit crimes.
1. States are popular in status quo. People prefer to have their consent taken away
 2. People are able to express control over the state via electoral procedure
 3. Opt out and move to other states
 4. Checks and balances to bad things that state can do