

# Frank Chodorov

## Quotes

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Doe, Libertarian, Taxation, Mean, Ambition, Scientist, Character, Toil, Cases,  
Lost*

The pertinent question: if Americans did not want these wars should they have been compelled to fight them?

~Frank Chodorov

All wars come to an end, at least temporarily. But the authority acquired by the state hangs on; political power never abdicates.

~Frank Chodorov

Perhaps the removal of trade restrictions throughout the world would do more for the cause of universal peace than can any political union of peoples separated by trade barriers.

~Frank Chodorov

Popular suffrage is in itself no guarantee of freedom. People can vote themselves into slavery.

~Frank Chodorov

The early American knew that freedom was nothing more than the absence of external restraint on behavior; the government could not give you freedom, it could only take it away.

~Frank Chodorov

There cannot be a good tax nor a just one; every tax rests its case on compulsion.

~Frank Chodorov

If for no other reason, personal pride should prompt every governor and state legislator to take a secessionist attitude; they were not elected to be lackeys of the federal bureaucracy.

~Frank Chodorov

The State acquires power... and because of its insatiable lust for power it is incapable of giving up any of it. The State never abdicates.

~Frank Chodorov

Private capitalism makes a steam engine; State capitalism makes pyramids.

~Frank Chodorov

[When people] say 'let's do something about it,' they mean 'let's get hold of the political machinery so that we can do something to somebody else.' And that somebody is invariably you.

~Frank Chodorov

Taxation is nothing but organized robbery, and there the subject should be dropped.

~Frank Chodorov

Increasing the power of the state in response to the Soviet menace would not defeat socialism in Russia but bring it to the United States.

~Frank Chodorov

We cannot restore traditional American freedom unless we limit the government's power to tax.

~Frank Chodorov

Economics is not politics. One is a science, concerned with the immutable and constant laws of nature that determine the production and distribution of wealth; the other is the art of ruling.

~Frank Chodorov

The institution of taxation rests foursquare on the axiom that somebody must rule somebody else.

~Frank Chodorov

Posterity does not pay off anything of the national debt. Each administration adds to the debt left to it, and the promise of liquidation implied in every bond issue is a false promise.

~Frank Chodorov

The freedoms won by Americans in 1776 were lost in the revolution of 1913.

~Frank Chodorov

In America it is the so-called capitalist who is to blame for the fulfillment of Marx's prophecies. Beguiled by the state's siren song of special privilege, the capitalists have abandoned capitalism.

~Frank Chodorov

Just what part does the State play in production to warrant its rake-off? The State does not give; it merely takes.

~Frank Chodorov

We have but to remember man's natural tendency to satisfy his desires with the minimum of effort to realize how political power will be utilized.

~Frank Chodorov

We have retained the forms and phrases of a republic, but in reality we are living under an oligarchy, not of courtesan, but of bureaucrats.

~Frank Chodorov

There cannot be a "good" society until there are "good" men.

~Frank Chodorov

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