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Is Government The “Biggest Scam” in History? Yes, Says Étienne de la Boétie

Government is illegitimate because people cannot delegate rights or powers to government that they do not have themselves, argues author and voluntaryist Étienne de la Boétie. Instead of police and law enforcement, he believes private security would be more efficient and legitimate. In this interview with *The New American* magazine’s Senior Editor Alex Newman, the two discuss the biblical admonition that civil government is ordained by God to punish evil.



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