

# Heathian Anarcho- capitalism, Seasteads, and Gun Control

Some interesting incentives?

# Anarcho-capitalism

- Defense agencies and courts provided privately
- Multiple, competing defense agencies
- Multi-tenant leases

# Heathian anarcho-capitalism

- Spencer Heath's response to the single tax on unimproved land promoted by Henry George in 19th century U.S.
- In other words, charge private rent instead of public taxes
- Lease properties to multiple tenants
- Single defense agency

# Seasteads

- Single owner
- Single space
- Multiple tenants

# Single vs multiple defense agencies

- Single agency more directly incents the property owner to provide efficient defense, minimize defense costs
- Single defense agency may be operationally simpler
- Multiple agencies may result in jurisdictional or operational friction and confusion
- But competition generally results in better efficiency

# "Gun control" and militia definitions

- "Gun control" is generally government restrictions on private ownership and use of firearms.
- A common end goal of "gun control" is for private arms to be banned and government to have a monopoly on the means of coercive force.
- Under a popular or universal militia, every adult is trained and armed
- Militia rights are a collective form of the individual right to self-defense

# "Gun control" disincentives and the single private defense agency

- Heathian ancap's singular defense agency with close ties to property owner may provide a more direct incentive in support of a popular militia
- Well-trained, well-armed popular militia tends to deter crime and invasion (see Switzerland)
- May result in:
  - lower defense agency costs
  - more profitable, prosperous seastead
  - peace
  - stability

# "Gun control" and multiple, competing defense agencies under ancap

- Competing, multiple defense agencies may see individual self-defense as decreasing their utility
- In other words, a popular militia may be seen as competition by multiple defense agencies less closely tied to the property owner
- Possibly less direct incentive to owner for tenant self-defense



# "Gun control" under governments

- Governments may have an interest in keeping public defense monopoly to increase dependency on public crime fighting and to "lock in customers."
- In contrast, concealed carry reform (allowing trained and licensed civilians to carry concealed firearms in public) may lower policing and crime costs, encourage peace and stability.
- In the latter case, some governments may "get it."

# Heathian ancap has different "gun control" incentives

- Heath's singular defense agency creates more direct incentives against "gun control"
- Property owner more directly affected by defense costs
- Property owner perhaps more likely to support armed populace as a way to lower defense costs