

Re: Income from a tax on land.

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royls@telus.net writes:

> *On 26 Dec 2004 14:25:13 -0500, jmhall@apex.home.net wrote:*
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> *>On what grounds and in what settings is the georgist*
> *>proposition superior in the claim one person or some group*
> *>being able to dispossess another of their use of the*
> *>specific piece of land?*
>
> *Wherever more than one person wants to use it.*
>
> *>Your first statement "equal right to" does not constitute*
> *>a superior or a prior right to (prior as in prior to*
> *>to other person) use the land.*
>
> *But nevertheless an _equal_ right.*

But if one is already using it then the equal right is not a pre-emptive right that force the other to stop and yield to one wanting to use that land also.

This is where I have a big problem with the attempts to create some moral superiority with the LVT approach. That approach means that anyone willing to force up the value of the land—that is anyone with more money or willing to use land for commercial uses rather than personal uses—can take what they want.

This is no different, morally, from a might makes right claim.

jmh