

Spencer on State Socialism.

Herbert Spencer, in a recent interview, expressed the opinion that since he began to write there has been a clear reaction against individual liberty, and that state socialism, toward which society is tending, will be a worse form of tyranny than that of any government now recognized in civilization. Mr. Spencer fears the state will gradually usurp the functions of private enterprise to such an extent and with such terrible results that it will require a severe struggle on the part of the people to free themselves from socialistic control, which he thinks will be equally disastrous in America and Europe. The people have come to resist the dictation of the state in religious matters, and, when they fully understand liberty, will resist such dictation in matters of private concern.