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*The privatization of the protective functions of the state
in anarcho-capitalist thought*

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The subject of this dissertation is the analysis of the privatization of the protective function of the state in anarcho-capitalist perspective. The aim of the study is to thoroughly identify, describe, and organize the fundamental features of this doctrine from the standpoint of classical political philosophy. This analysis will be presented as an alternative to the modern state, which is widely perceived as fulfilling its functions in a necessary and indispensable way.

The introduction part of the dissertation is divided into two main parts. The first part, titled „The State and its significance in different political traditions” serves not only as an introduction to the first chapter but also as a reference point from which the analysis of the main topic begins. Different intellectual traditions are characterized by varying perspectives and priorities regarding the objectives the state should pursue. These different approaches allow for a better understanding of the essence of the state and its role in society. The second part of the introduction focuses on anarcho-capitalism and its essence. Individual freedom and the free market are fundamental values in this doctrine. Anarcho-capitalists argue that these two elements are sufficient to meet all social needs, deeply believing in the possibility of privatizing every public function.

The introduction also includes a detailed description of the methodology used in the work, research objectives, and the structure of the dissertation. The main thesis is posed, which reads: the privatization of the state's protective function, as proposed by anarcho-capitalist thought, offers an alternative approach to social organization that can lead to increased efficiency and individual freedom. However, it brings significant challenges and potential risks that require thorough analysis and consideration in the context of contemporary political and social realities. The introductory part of the thesis concludes with the formulation of research questions that focus on key areas of anarcho-capitalism in the context of privatizing the state's protective function.

The first chapter of the study presents the functions of the state in the three most important political traditions: liberalism, conservatism, and socialism. A thorough analysis of these political traditions allows for an understanding of how diverse approaches to the role and functions of the state can be. This discussion will attempt to define what the state is and how it is understood by representatives of different concepts. For experts in political-legal doctrines, this review may not bring new discoveries, but considering the evolution of these traditions' thought and the diversity of figures representing them allows for a fuller understanding of the state's functions.

The second chapter of the study focuses on the concept of anarcho-capitalism, presenting its roots and a conceptual exposition of libertarianism. The chapter discusses the

influence of various economic schools on shaping anarcho-capitalist thought and provides an overview of definitions of libertarianism. This chapter concludes with a presentation of the main representatives of anarcho-capitalism.

In the third chapter, an analysis of the essence of the state's protective function was conducted, defining its scope and significance. This is a key element in the discussion about the role of the state and the possibility of replacing it with private institutions. This chapter discusses various aspects of the protective function, focusing on internal security, public order, and the judiciary.

The fourth chapter of the study discusses the process of privatization and outsourcing of public services, introducing the concepts of public-private partnerships and analyzing their application in the public sector. The chapter presents examples of privatization models of the state's protective functions practiced worldwide and the involvement of private security firms in a wide range of activities related to security and public order. This serves as an introduction to a detailed analysis of the privatization of the protective functions of the state, discussed in the next chapter.

The fifth chapter of the study, the central point of the work, analyzes the privatization of the state's protective functions in the context of anarcho-capitalist thought. The views of leading thinkers of this doctrine, such as Murray Rothbard, Hans-Hermann Hoppe, and David Friedman, are presented. This chapter also includes historical examples of stateless systems and a discussion of the possibilities and controversies surrounding the absence of the state. The chapter concludes with a summary that integrates all the discussed threads, highlighting the main conclusions of the work and pointing to the practical implications of the privatization of the state's protective functions.

The study ends with final conclusions, which start with the summary of the main thesis of the dissertation, i.e. the privatization of the protective function of the state, as advocated by anarcho-capitalist thought, offers an alternative approach to social organization that can lead to increased efficiency and individual freedom. In the conclusion of this dissertation, detailed analyses of the answers to the research questions posed at the beginning are provided, which in essence confirm the main thesis of the work while highlighting a number of key challenges. The analysis shows that privatizing protective functions can lead to a significant increase in operational efficiency and flexibility in adapting to dynamic social and economic conditions. Private security agencies, operating in a competitive market environment, are highly motivated to improve the quality of services provided and reduce costs, which translates into a higher level of customer satisfaction and more effective protection of property and individuals. In this

context, anarcho-capitalist ideas provide an interesting insight into the possibilities of increasing efficiency through market mechanisms. However, the study also highlights significant challenges and potential risks associated with the full privatization of protective functions. A key issue is the risk that private enterprises will prioritize profit, which could lead to the marginalization of less affluent individuals and a deepening of inequality in access to protection services. Additionally, the lack of central coordination and control could result in the fragmentation of the protective system and the emergence of conflicts of interest between different private entities. Furthermore, the analysis shows that the privatization of protective functions requires consideration of contemporary political and social realities. In many cases, the state's role as a guarantor of public safety is deeply embedded in society, and transforming this may encounter significant social and political resistance. For this reason, implementing anarcho-capitalist postulates in practice would require not only structural changes but also a shift in social and cultural consciousness.

In conclusion, this study provides a new perspective on the functions of the state, particularly from the standpoint of the private sector and the security industry. While the study does not introduce revolutionary innovations to the scientific understanding of the thesis presented, it does highlight the issue from a perspective that is often overlooked or marginalized. From the viewpoint of someone operating in both the public and private sectors, it is important to emphasize the role of the private sector in the daily functioning of society. This dissertation aims to enrich the debate about the role of the state by introducing alternative concepts that may serve as inspiration for further research and discussion in the field of political-legal doctrines.