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–Woody Guthrie on Copyright

## ***Property is theft! (La propriété, c'est le vol!)***

***"Theft" is a concept that logically and genetically depends on the antecedent concept of "rightfully owned property"—and refers to the act of taking that property without the owner's consent. If no property is rightfully owned, that is, if nothing is property, there can be no such concept as "theft." Thus, the statement "All property is theft" has an internal contradiction: to use the concept "theft" while denying the validity of the concept of "property," is to use "theft" as a concept to which one has no logical right—that is, as a stolen concept.*** [1] Nathaniel Branden

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1. ^ [http://www.nathanielbranden.com/catalog/articles\\_essays/the\\_stolen\\_concept.html](http://www.nathanielbranden.com/catalog/articles_essays/the_stolen_concept.html) The Stolen Concept by Nathaniel Branden - originally published in The Objectivist Newsletter in January 1963.

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