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Just because Lowell mentioned you!

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Of course, the income derived from licensing fishing, etc. in the "exclusive economic zones" of 200 mile radius around each such island would be additional...but these could be employed to offset the substantial lawyers' bills, etc.; "Washington representation" fees, etc., etc. that would be involved in operating such an "instant sovereign!" [And, to be sure, "The essence of sovereignty lies in its enforcement" – but the famous international arms-bazaars can instantly outfit-& staff the navy of any newbie-among-nations that has a reasonable line-of-credit...]

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Not sure this is about autonomy?

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I'= certain this would be better than life in Mogadishu. And probably cheaper=#8230;

Think of all the cool innovations that would follow – <=o:p>

1.&n=sp; Energy requirements would be about the same but necess=rily renewable

3. <=span>Sanitation would totally chan=e!

4. Health would matter since living in such =eight quarters means communicable disease becomes real again (for everyone!=

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I think it would be cool to offer this up to Somalia or somewhere desper=te and see what happens.

Rich people don't innovate as quickly!!

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Some Libertarians tried to create these new community (with autonomo=s structure, no taxation and even own currency) – Since islands can,=under international law, only be claimed if they are at least 30 cm above =he high tide point, some have even attempted to build sovereign islands, I=ke real-estate millionaire Michael Oliver's attempt at building a libertar=an city-state called the Republic of Minerva in the southern Pacific Ocean= Not sure how anyone could get significant autonomy.

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[http://en.wikipedia.o=g/wiki/Republic\\_of\\_Minerva](http://en.wikipedia.o=g/wiki/Republic_of_Minerva)

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Perhaps it would be better that Peter gives more to HIV!

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Peter Thiel's response to urban development. Neat to think about, cool pictures anyway.

\$1.25 million investment into this (sketchy) organization on his part is probably too small to even build one of these but at least he's trying!

What I think would be cool would be to try this in Africa. Even cancer cells stop multiplying when you confine their space. :)

Mission: To further the establishment and growth of permanent, autonomous ocean communities, enabling innovation with new political and social systems.

<= href="http://www.seasteading.org/">http://www.seasteading.org/

- \* Ocean state would have no welfare, no minimum wage, and few restrictions on weapons
- \* Platforms would house ~70 people and hundreds could eventually join together

PayPal-founder Peter Thiel was so inspired by Atlas Shrugged - Ayn Rand's novel about free-market capitalism - that he's trying to make its title a reality.</=p>

The Silicon Valley billionaire has funnelled \$1.25million to the Seasteading Institute, an organization that aspires to launch a floating colony into international waters, freeing them and like-minded thinkers to live by libertarian ideals.<=p>

Mr Thiel recently told Details magazine: 'The United States Constitution had things you could do at the beginning that you couldn't do later. So the question is, can you go back to the beginning of things? How do you start over?'

Life on the ocean wave: A design for one of the floating cities which Peter Thiel wants to start constructing next year off the coast of San Francisco<=p>

Green land: An aerial view of the city, complete with landscaped gardens. Mr Thiel believes many of the islands could eventually be joined together

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Design for living: This island even has a high-level helicopter pad. The cities would be constructed on oil-rig like terminals

The floating sovereign nations that Mr Thiel imagines would be built on oil-rig-like platforms anchored in areas free of regulation, laws, and moral conventions.

The Seasteading Institute says it will 'give people the freedom to choose the government they want instead of being stuck with the government they get'.

Mr Thiel, the venture capitalist who famously helped Facebook expand beyond the Harvard campus, called Seasteading an 'open frontier for experimenting with new ideas for government'.

After making his first investment in the project in 2008, Mr Thiel said: 'Decades from now, those looking back at the start of the century will understand that Seasteading was an obvious step towards encouraging the development of more efficient, practical public sector models around the world.'

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Light city: Peter Thiel called the project, Seasteading, an 'open frontier for experimenting with new ideas for government'

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Mr Thiel and his colleagues say their ocean state would have no welfare, looser building codes, no minimum wage, and few restrictions on weapons.

Aiming to have tens of millions of residents by 2050, the Seasteading Institute says architectural plans for a prototype involve a movable, diesel-powered structure with room for 270 residents.

=p class=MsoNormal style='mso-margin-top-alt:auto;mso-margin-bottom-alt:auto'>The long-term plan would be to have dozens and eventually hundreds of the platforms linked together.

Patri Friedman, a former Google engineer who is working on the project told Details they hope to launch a flotilla of offices off the San Francisco coast next year.

'Big ideas start as weird ideas,' Mr Friedman said.

<= class=MsoNormal style='mso-margin-top-alt:auto;mso-margin-bottom-alt:auto'>He predicted that full-time settlement will follow in about seven years.

But while some Ayn Rand acolytes may think the idea is brilliant, it's not without its critics.

Margaret Crawford, an expert on urban planning and a professor of architecture at Berkeley, told Details 'it's a silly idea without any urban-planning implications whatsoever.' <=:p>

Mr Thiel told an audience at the Seasteading Institute Conference in 2009 that: 'There are quite a lot of people who think it's not possible.'

'That's a good thing. We don't need to really worry=about those people very much, because since they don't think it's possible=they won't take us very seriously. And they will not actually try to stop =s until it's too late.'

Read more: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2024761/Atlas-Shrugged-Silicon-Valley-billionaire-reveals-plan-launch-floating-start-country-coast-San-Francisco.html#ixzz1WMuYqS7n> <<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2024761/Atlas-Shrugged-Silicon-Valley-billionaire-reveals-plan-launch-floating-start-country-coast-San-Francisco.html#ixzz1WMuYqS7n>>

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