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## Baxter on Murray: Fireworks!

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Over at America, Michael Baxter has written a highly provocative essay on John Courtney Murray and how he got it wrong. I do not concur in all of Baxter's analysis - his concern for the role of the state seems to me to be out-sized - but I think his refutation of Murray's take on the American founding and American exceptionalism is spot-on. In any event, Baxter's essay will create some fireworks, and that is a good thing.

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