

GOVERNMENT UNDER GOD BY HIS DESIGN	ISSUE/CONCEPT	GOVERNMENT UNDER THE BOOT OF MEN
<p>God first, the people second</p> <p>Evil and ungodly</p> <p>Power granted by God, but shared by the people through representatives</p> <p>Primarily the responsibility of parents who are accountable to God</p> <p>Primary reason for God to protect, bless, and advance any nation</p> <p>Perversion of justice: Ex 23:6-8; Deut 16:19; 1 Sam 12:3; Psa 26:10; Amos 5:12,15; Acts 24:26</p> <p>Violation of 10th Commandment, equated with idolatry in Col 3:5 & Eph 5:5; covetous ones have no inheritance in Kingdom of God (Rom 1:29; 1 Cor 6:10)</p> <p>God gives gifts to individuals for His reasons and <i>holy</i> purposes, merit not negated</p>	<p>Allegiance (to)</p> <p>Autocratic rule</p> <p>Centralization/concentration of power</p> <p>Child-raising/Education</p> <p>Christians</p> <p>Corruption</p> <p>Coveting</p> <p>Cronyism</p>	<p>The state/ruling power alone</p> <p>The only way to progress</p> <p>All power ultimately concentrated in one human head of state; people subservient</p> <p>Exclusive domain of the “Village” (Government); kids <i>belong</i> to it from birth</p> <p>Worst obstacles to progress, must be ignored or silenced; out-of-touch with reality</p> <p>The necessary and natural oil that keeps things running smoothly; just how government works, so get over it</p> <p>Basis for all socialism, the “gospel of envy”; you <i>shall</i> covet before the state can help you with the problem you didn’t know you had; Utopia open to you</p> <p>The ruling power gets to pick winners and losers (think, <i>Solyndra</i>)</p>

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Free market, with moral constraints under God's Law	Economy	Centrally-planned, top-down, the State is the law
Families raising godly offspring for God (Mal 2:15; Ezra 9:2; Eph 6:1-4)	Educational focus	"Your children belong to us" (Hitler), to be educated to love and obey the State
All individuals created equal in the sight of God, should be given equal <i>opportunity</i>	Equality	Man has evolved, wasn't created; Govt. equalizes all <i>outcomes</i> (excepting new elite)
God the Father sees, cares, protects, rewards (Matt 6, 23:9)	Father Figure	Government is your Big Daddy, but don't cross him! (think, "Papa Joe")
Ordained & granted by God to mankind as an inalienable right	Freedom of assembly	Only State-approved assemblies allowed; violators harshly punished
No religion to be <i>forced</i> upon anyone; matter of individual conscience	Freedom of <i>religion</i>	<i>Religious</i> freedom (<i>public</i> expression of non-state religious practice) not allowed
Sacrosanct right of all individuals; <i>also</i> a matter of conscience and personal accountability to God	Freedom of <i>worship</i>	One is (supposedly, at least in political rhetoric) free to worship <i>privately</i> (lip service paid to this right)
Another God-ordained, inalienable right restricted only by His Law	Freedom of speech	Non-existent, for anyone outside the ruling elite and perceived loyalists

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<p>Real and essential; let us <i>pray</i></p> <p>Govt. is there only to protect and serve the people (“of/for/by the people”), and individuals matter</p> <p>Merit should be rewarded, sloth must not be rewarded (2 Thes 3:10-11)</p> <p>Nothing wrong with <i>legal</i> entry into a country under the rule of law (<i>e.g.</i>, Deut 27:17, Job 24:2) with the intent of <i>adding to</i> national prosperity; <i>illegal</i> entry is coveting, criminal trespassing, theft, and destructive to the invaded territories</p> <p>Christ-won, Christ-secured, so let no man be enslaved by another(1 Cor 7:23, Gal 5:1)</p> <p>True <i>liberty</i> to obey God’s Law, which is only there for our own good, individually <i>and</i> collectively; necessary moral restraints</p>	<p>God-individual connection</p> <p>Government-people relationship</p> <p>Government or <i>Giverment</i>? (Entitlements)</p> <p>Immigration</p> <p>Liberty</p> <p>Liberty or licentiousness</p>	<p>Complete fantasy; let us <i>play</i></p> <p>The collective masses exist only to serve and protect the ruling power; individuals are totally expendable</p> <p>Take from the productive and give to the unproductive; buys loyalty and votes</p> <p>Watch how people “vote with their feet”: which way are they gate-crashing? Trying to get out or trying to get in? Open-borders advocates throw gates open until votes are secured and control over the new wave of “useful idiots” is total; then, look out!</p> <p>Paperweight analogy: nothing moves until the king moves; State-slaves for life</p> <p><i>Licentiousness</i> (God is not in the picture, so anything goes); the more moral chaos, the more govt. is called for, justified</p>

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<p>Limited to job description: protect and serve the people</p> <p>Necessary to protect the people and their <i>worthy</i> interests; defense against <i>outside</i> attacks</p> <p>What <i>God</i> does: Job 12:23; Isa 26:15</p> <p>Triune God alone</p> <p>Responsibility to help <i>voluntarily</i> (charity free of coercion) whenever/wherever possible, but they will always be with us: Mark 14:7</p> <p>God has established it and safeguarded it as a right in His Law: 8th & 10th Commandments</p> <p>Individual dreams, goals, and their pursuit laudable and to be encouraged to aid human society; subject only to God and His Law</p>	<p>Limits on government</p> <p>Military</p> <p>Nation-building</p> <p>Omnipresence, omniscience, omnipotence</p> <p>The poor</p> <p>Private property</p> <p>Pursuit of happiness</p>	<p>None, really. Government-as-god is unlimited</p> <p>Useful weapon against outsiders AND the people; <i>all</i> State interests are worthy and automatically justified</p> <p>“Is not this great Babylon, that <i>I</i> have built?” (Dan 4:30)</p> <p>The ruling human power</p> <p>State-constructed “Utopia” will be “poverty-free” due to <i>involuntary</i> redistribution; note: almost 50 years since “War On Poverty” launched</p> <p>No such thing under totalitarianism; all property is <i>community</i> property (where communists take their name)</p> <p>The State will tell you what you’ll do, where you’ll live, and what makes the <i>State</i> happy, which is all that really matters</p>

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Objective, defined by God	Reality	As <i>perceived</i> , ever-shifting
Each life, from conception to death (per <i>God's</i> timing) is sent to earth by God, and therefore, sacred; <i>He</i> says we each have the right to life	Right to life itself	The individual's life means nothing, except as a part of the collective; for the purposes of the State until deemed useless <i>by</i> the State
The Triune God's eternal, heavenly throne	Seat of power	Wherever on earth the ruling human power sits
Each one created by God; multitudes of them redeemed by God	(The) Soul	No such thing; the State owns all bodies <i>in toto</i> , each one <i>soul-less</i>
God, and they are <i>inalienable</i> (can't be taken away by men)	Source of all rights	The ruling human power; <i>always</i> subject to removal
Lawful and necessary for the <i>benefit</i> of the people (Matt 22:15-22 & 17:24-27; Rom 13:6-7) to fund large, agreed-upon (duly legislated) projects	Taxation	Spend <i>first</i> , confiscate funds <i>second</i> is the way it works; name the State "requirement" and then bill the taxpayers for the redistribution process; like your \$, but not you
God has delegated the right and responsibility to elect our representatives, so we must be properly informed about what they're doing on our behalf	Transparency in government	Entirely unnecessary, not worth the government's time; just slows real progress, and the masses are too ignorant to understand govt. workings anyway

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<p>God <i>can't</i> lie (Titus 1:2), commands <i>us</i> not to lie (9th Commandment), and in our courts we swear <i>to God</i> to tell the truth, whole truth, and nothing but the truth (so help me, <i>God</i>); truth is <i>con</i>-structive, lies <i>de</i>structive</p>	<p>Truth and lies</p>	<p>What is truth, anyway? Your truth may not be my truth, and all the truth that matters comes from the mouth of the ruling power, which reserves the right to “lie” for the good of the people; thus “lies” are often the most useful truth</p>
<p>There is no wedge to sever the God-individual connection for those who trust in Jesus Christ alone; He is the Almighty wedge-removing Mediator (1 Tim 2:5)</p>	<p>(The) Wedge of separation and division (“divide and conquer”)</p>	<p>The Wedge takes many forms, any of which can be most effective: hammer it in between family members, classes, “races,” but especially between God and humans</p>
<p>The will of the one true, triune God is supreme and will be done</p>	<p>(The) Will</p>	<p>As the ruling power wills, so shall it be done, and without question</p>

WRAP-UP

One thing can be said for the totalists: they are unswervingly consistent. They are wrong *100%* of the time; they've got *everything* turned inside-out and backwards. Why, even a broken clock, with its hands fixed in place, is at least right *twice* each day! But totalists are *totally* wrong *at every time in every time!*