

# POLITICS

<i>Modern Humanism</i>	<i>Biblical Christianity</i>
<b><i>Philosophical Foundations</i></b>	
<p>Politics is based upon humanistic law, which is based upon humanistic ethics, which is based upon the presumed basic goodness of man.</p>	<p>Politics is based upon Christian law, which is based upon Christian ethics, which is based upon the righteous character of God.</p>
<b><i>Political Assumptions and Affirmations</i></b>	
<b>Humanistic politics assumes...</b>	<b>Christian politics assumes...</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. that the powers of civil governments are unlimited, and</li> <li>2. that since man is basically good, then the best and the wisest of men should rule over the rest of men.</li> </ol> <p>Therefore, governing powers are centralized, while standards become elitist and bureaucratic by legislative actions.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. that the powers of civil governments are limited by God, and</li> <li>2. that since man is a sinner, then power should be distributed among all the people.</li> </ol> <p>Therefore, governing powers are localized, while Biblical standards are broadened and the people are self-governed.</p>
<p>Civil governments can assume whatever roles and responsibilities needed to regulate all individual and institutional human behavior.</p>	<p>Civil governments can assume only the role and responsibility which God has authorized, viz., that of administering justice.</p>
<p>Humanists contend that governance of church and family should be included within political considerations.</p>	<p>Christians contend that governance of church and family should be outside political considerations, except when related to justice.</p>
<p><b>Governments sanctioned by humanists affirm...</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. God's irrelevancy or non-existence,</li> <li>2. a moral order based on the will of man,</li> <li>3. man's evolutionary origin by chance,</li> <li>4. that man is basically good,</li> <li>5. the superior worth of the state, and</li> <li>6. human accountability only to man, i.e.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Governments sanctioned by God affirm...</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. God's character of holiness, justice, love, mercy, truth, purity, etc.,</li> <li>2. a moral order based on the character of God,</li> <li>3. man's creation in the image of God,</li> <li>4. that man is a sinner,</li> <li>5. outstanding worth of each individual.,</li> </ol>

to the State.	and 6. human accountability to God and man.
<b><i>Political Objectives</i></b>	
<b>Humanistic politics seek...</b>	<b>Christian politics seek...</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. an ideological separation of church &amp; state, with state control and regulation of church functions, and</li> <li>2. a single one-world global government based upon the will of all people.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. an ideological union, but a functional separation, of church and state, and</li> <li>2. separate national governments, based upon the word of God.</li> </ol>
<b>To accomplish total separation of church and state, humanists seek...</b>	<b>To maintain an ideological union, but functional separation of church and state, Christians seek...</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. individual rejection of word of God as guide for personal life and conduct, and</li> <li>2. governance of society by replacement of Christian laws and values with humanistic laws and values.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. individual self-governance by widespread knowledge of word of God, and</li> <li>2. governance of society by legislation and enforcement of God's laws.</li> </ol>
<b>To accomplish globalism, humanists seek...</b>	<b>To support nationalism, Christians seek...</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. peace through disarmament of all nations,</li> <li>2. "economic democracy" (i.e. national &amp; international redistribution of wealth),</li> <li>3. public ownership and regulation of all property, and</li> <li>4. increased authority for United Nations and its agencies.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. peace, through national defensive preparedness,</li> <li>2. voluntary economic help to poor individuals and nations,</li> <li>3. private ownership and regulation of all property, and</li> <li>4. elimination of international authorities.</li> </ol>
<b>Results:</b>	
<b>Little Christian Freedom. Church Generally Despised. Unlimited Civil Authority Inconsistent Justice. Increased Crime.</b>	<b>Much Christian Freedom. Church Generally Respected. Limited Civil Authority. Consistent Justice. Decreased Crime.</b>

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