
Subject: Which Society do you pick?

Posted by [The Party](#) on Fri, 29 Jan 2010 21:27:54 GMT

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So I have something that I would like to ask everyone, which is better: A society based on free will or A society based on the government limiting the power of the people. (For better or for worse) Also in which ever case you pick where do we draw the line?

Subject: Re: Which Society do you pick?

Posted by [ChewML](#) on Fri, 29 Jan 2010 21:46:20 GMT

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There is no black and white... it is all shades of gray painted as we go by the politicians.

Subject: Re: Which Society do you pick?

Posted by [GEORGE ZIMMER](#) on Fri, 29 Jan 2010 22:22:41 GMT

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Free will. We draw the line when it outright infringes on another person's ability to live (IE: killing them), and a few other universally accepted moral wrongdoings (rape, etc).

Subject: Re: Which Society do you pick?

Posted by [ChewML](#) on Fri, 29 Jan 2010 22:37:04 GMT

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GEORGE ZIMMER wrote on Fri, 29 January 2010 16:22Free will. We draw the line when it outright infringes on another person's ability to live (IE: killing them), and a few other universally accepted moral wrongdoings (rape, etc).

That almost sounds perfect... and it kinda sounds like what America is said to have, but to actually achieve such a society is not possible without bending/breaking the rules to establish it and keep it running... i.e. wars.

Subject: Re: Which Society do you pick?

Posted by [EvilWhiteDragon](#) on Sat, 30 Jan 2010 11:10:16 GMT

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GEORGE ZIMMER wrote on Fri, 29 January 2010 23:22Free will. We draw the line when it outright infringes on another person's ability to live (IE: killing them), and a few other universally accepted moral wrongdoings (rape, etc).

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Subject: Re: Which Society do you pick?
Posted by [Spoony](#) on Sat, 30 Jan 2010 17:31:01 GMT
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GEORGE ZIMMER wrote on Fri, 29 January 2010 16:22: Free will. We draw the line when it outright infringes on another person's ability to live (IE: killing them), and a few other universally accepted moral wrongdoings (rape, etc).
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Subject: Re: Which Society do you pick?
Posted by [Carrierll](#) on Sat, 30 Jan 2010 19:05:19 GMT
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Yeah, but that's bullshit. (The view that rape isn't wrong, and I challenge anyone who disagrees to counsel a rape victim...)

Moved to hot topics.

Subject: Re: Which Society do you pick?
Posted by [InternetThug](#) on Sat, 30 Jan 2010 19:20:18 GMT
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i vote for a society where slaves are legal

Subject: Re: Which Society do you pick?
Posted by [GEORGE ZIMMER](#) on Sat, 30 Jan 2010 19:56:39 GMT
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EvilWhiteDragon wrote on Sat, 30 January 2010 06:10
Problem here is: Who defines what is morally acceptable? Perhaps I have absolutely no problems with say abortion while others are against, who will decide whether it is right/wrong?

I said universally. In the majority of the world, rape is considered wrong. So is mindless killing, torture, etc.

Spoony wrote on Sat, 30 January 2010 12:31
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Even those places do look down upon rape in general. There might be situations where a Priest molests a child or a group of Muslims in Saudi Arabia rape a woman and such, but just the same can be said for any area really- you still have your gang bangers here in the US and etc.

That doesn't mean it shouldn't be looked down upon still.

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Posted by [Spoony](#) on Sat, 30 Jan 2010 20:20:00 GMT

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"there might be situations"?

in iran and pakistan, rape is a legally sanctioned punishment.

in iran, if a woman commits a capital offence, but she's a virgin, she can't be given the death penalty according to islamic law. (i'm not exactly sure why, but my guess would be it's because she might end up going to paradise... the only mention of women in the muslim version of heaven is the 72 virgins, and that is probably viewed as too good for a woman who commits a capital offence in iran). so how does the iranian regime get around this? simple. the revolutionary guard rape her in prison, then kill her the next day.

in saudi arabia it's not exactly as bad as that, but if you're a woman and you don't dress up like a tent, you'll almost certainly be raped and the men who do it to you almost certainly will get away with it.

so rape's frowned upon everywhere, is it? no, not in cultures where -a- people are brainwashed to think women are cattle, and -b- everyone is sexually repressed. i.e. islam. this is a lethal combination.

in the catholic church, there is a conspiracy of silence to protect priests accused of child rape from justice... set up by... joseph ratzinger, the current pope. he himself was chosen pope by a conclave that included a man who was a fugitive from american justice for complicity and coverup of child rape in boston... people whine about halliburton and blackwater, but as companies go they don't come much more evil than the catholic church. this isn't even the worst it does... it spreads aids in africa then has the nerve to call itself pro-life.

Subject: Re: Which Society do you pick?

Posted by [The Party](#) on Sun, 31 Jan 2010 03:01:35 GMT

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I think a society that is controlled by the government is the best, because with more law and order then we may actually have a chance at living peacefully. I also think that there is no line to be drawn, so that the government could turn us all into machines and cyborgs then that would be fine

with me.

I guess this make me nilisitc.

Subject: Re: Which Society do you pick?

Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Sun, 31 Jan 2010 04:25:17 GMT

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Which ever of which one you choose, you end up with the same result.

Both choices are the same thing. Regardless of how any one of you would or believe you would act, people as a whole are afraid to live freely.

True freedom is not the sort of freedom that you probably seek. The kind of freedom people talk about having is the freedom to act their own way WITHIN proposed limitations. (You also had a poor choice of words for the question; the very idea of having a 'society' contradicts the ideal of freedom. You cannot have a freedom based society because the very idea of organizing a society restricts the bounds of freedom.)

Believe it or not, people WANT to be limited. They need limitations. Without limitations, there is no point in living. People panic as there is nothing to work for, nothing to achieve.

Basically, in the end, if you give everyone freedom, they will eventually organize themselves a government that constricts limitations. And since no one has their perfections and emotions are unequally distributed between everyone, corruption would eventually overtake that government and we would be put right back where we started.

Subject: Re: Which Society do you pick?

Posted by [Dover](#) on Sun, 31 Jan 2010 04:56:22 GMT

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This thread is retarded. Why do people insist on seeing "the government" as something to be contended with?

Subject: Re: Which Society do you pick?

Posted by [Nukelt15](#) on Sun, 31 Jan 2010 05:20:08 GMT

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Quote:We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it...

This.

Quote:Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government...

Also this.

The more power you hand to a government, the more power it will ask for. No government in recorded history has ever voluntarily handed back to its people any power granted to it, even those which that government and nation's founding ideals should have forbidden. The more unwieldy a government becomes, the more resources it will require to sustain itself... and will grant itself broader powers to secure those resources (and no, I am not talking about oil. I mean manpower, taxes, freedom of speech and the restriction thereof, etc). Once taken away from the people, the only way those powers can be removed from the government again is through a popular revolt of some shape or form (hopefully nonviolent). Government will never voluntarily restrain itself beyond the dawning moments of its existence because it can never be guaranteed that every person serving that government who wields power will be as noble in his ideals as the first man to hold the same post.

That is why "the Man" is not your friend. If, and only if a government could be held accountable to the ideals which founded it, then it could be trusted. History has yet to record a single example of that happening; every known form of government experiences the same inevitable decay into excess and corruption. Some of them just haven't quite gotten bad enough to change yet.

Subject: Re: Which Society do you pick?

Posted by [ChewML](#) on Sun, 31 Jan 2010 06:17:00 GMT

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Dover wrote on Sat, 30 January 2010 22:56This thread is retarded. Why do people insist on seeing "the government" as something to be contended with?

Because people don't like the idea that they pay the ridiculously huge salaries of a bunch of assholes that get to make and break the laws... also that most of the time the laws they make don't necessarily effect them like they do the average hard working person, so they don't much give a shit. They make promises about lower taxes and better health care or whatever else the hot topic of the day is... but they hardly ever make good on them, most of the time they actually go against what they promise.

Simply put... we pay them, they screw us, and not like a hooker.

Any more dumb questions?

Subject: Re: Which Society do you pick?
Posted by [Dover](#) on Sun, 31 Jan 2010 06:40:39 GMT
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Chew wrote on Sat, 30 January 2010 22:17: Because people don't like the idea that they pay the ridiculously huge salaries

You're the only person I've ever heard complaining about the salary of government officials. Nobody gets into public service to get rich.

Consider for a minute that the president, the highest paid public servant makes 400k a year. That sounds like a lot, but most middle class families make at least 1/4 of that, and that a 400k salary for supposedly the most powerful person in the world wouldn't even be in the top 1%. That means there are millions of private citizens with less responsibilities that are paid much more.

And that's not even considering that that's just the president, and that average Senator is paid closer to 100-150k.

Chew wrote on Sat, 30 January 2010 22:17: of a bunch of assholes that get to make

Somebody has to do it. Any your legislators are directly accountable to you. So in a roundabout way, it's YOU making the laws.

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When this happens, they get fired and publicly shamed. See Rob Blaggo.

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But it does, and they do. Them keeping their job depends on it.

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You have your precious founding fathers to thank for that. Your government is designed to resist change, so actually getting anything done is a long, painful, and difficult process.

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This is probably a dumb question since I know the answer is no; Do you have a GOOD reason?

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Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Sun, 31 Jan 2010 07:55:15 GMT
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@R3:

Quote:true freedom is when a human being does everything without restraint and consequences.
do you agree with this statement?

Subject: Re: Which Society do you pick?
Posted by [Sean](#) on Sun, 31 Jan 2010 09:12:51 GMT
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Starbuzz wrote on Sun, 31 January 2010 01:55@R3:

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Who in their right frame of mind would.

Subject: Re: Which Society do you pick?
Posted by [Herr Surth](#) on Sun, 31 Jan 2010 09:36:23 GMT
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Subject: Re: Which Society do you pick?
Posted by [ChewML](#) on Sun, 31 Jan 2010 18:49:40 GMT
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If they can't make the changes... they shouldn't promise them. Being politicians they should very well know what their chances are. If you only had a slim chance of being able to do something would you promise to do it? If so, then you are setting yourself up to fail.

It doesn't even have to be just the salaries of the politicians... The way our tax money is spent on a lot of other things is just plain fucking stupid. America as a whole did not want to bailout AIG, but it happened... and look what they did with the billions of taxpayers money.

Subject: Re: Which Society do you pick?
Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Mon, 01 Feb 2010 02:21:51 GMT
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Starbuzz wrote on Sun, 31 January 2010 02:55@R3:

Quote:true freedom is when a human being does everything without restraint and consequences.

do you agree with this statement?

Like I said, it depends on what you mean by freedom.

I disagree with the quote because it states "true" freedom. We, as humans, are unable to imagine what 'true' freedom is. It's impossible. Beyond our comprehension. Think about it. Can you really think of a dimensional plane without limitations? Limitations such as simply the requirement of

walking on a surface of land as opposed to floating.

However, that's getting philosophical and off topic.

The point is, if people were given a chance to live freely in their society, they would one day develop a government to lead them. People desire two things: the freedom to do whatever they want and the power to accomplish goals without intervention. So, even if people are given a 'free society' they will eventually create a government to run it for them.

Just think about it for a second and you will realize that it makes sense. When you are exposed to something for a duration of time, you eventually get accustomed to it, get bored of it, and learn to take it for granted.

If people are given a free society, they will initially appreciate it. But a few years in they will start to take it for granted and lose interest in maintaining their life style on their own. That's when they would devise a way so that another body handles running their society while they continue living the way they want.

Subject: Re: Which Society do you pick?
Posted by [Nukelt15](#) on Mon, 01 Feb 2010 02:22:04 GMT
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Subject: Re: Which Society do you pick?
Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Mon, 01 Feb 2010 04:08:59 GMT
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Subject: Re: Which Society do you pick?
Posted by [Rocko](#) on Mon, 01 Feb 2010 05:54:48 GMT
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Subject: Re: Which Society do you pick?
Posted by [Herr Surth](#) on Mon, 01 Feb 2010 12:53:21 GMT
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I see what you did there!

Subject: Re: Which Society do you pick?
Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Wed, 03 Feb 2010 20:40:36 GMT
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So I am told by 2 of my Brit mates in another European forum that one of them was stopped somewhere in Leeds by an officer who demanded they turn their t-shirt right side out to check what was written on it.

The t-shirt said "fuck your god." I am told the officer demanded so to see if the t-shirt would offend anyone else. Seems they just walked away saying something smart to the officer without complying with the order.

If so then that's what I would call a nanny government. Good thing is I am told this doesn't happen everywhere in the UK.

Subject: Re: Which Society do you pick?
Posted by [The Party](#) on Wed, 24 Feb 2010 20:11:13 GMT
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I would love it if the goverment tells us when and what to do all the time. In fact I would be for a revolution where we (as humans) all get turned into cyborgs, AI, or robots.
