

CHRISTIANITY & CULTURE: THE 2026 MID-TERM ELECTIONS

Six Essential Principles of 'Good Government' The Foundation for Moral Sanity and Civic Functionality

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INTRODUCTION

The following principles constitute the basic foundations for freedom, justice and virtue in a well-regulated political system and society. As C. S. Lewis correctly noted, we do not imagine that any human society can ever be "ideal" given the stark realities of human nature. Nevertheless, some are far better than others, and the best to which we can aspire is a 'good government' that guarantees individual liberty within the parameters of moral and civic responsibility.

America is a very divided and fragmented nation religiously, morally and politically. With the 2026 mid-term elections approaching, Christians – and Americans in general – must be aware of what exactly is at stake. These six principles are absolutely essential.

1. Good government establishes a political system that aligns with the realities of human nature.

- Human beings are created in the *imago dei* – the "image of God."
 - We have the capacity to think rationally and clearly.
 - We have an innate sense of morality and the capacity to discern good and evil, right and wrong.
 - We have the capacity for imaginative and creative thoughts and actions.
- Human beings are innately flawed.
 - We have an egoistic (self-centered) nature.
 - We crave power and autonomy, including the desire to govern our own life according to our own beliefs, values and agenda, and the desire to control others.
 - Therefore, a "horizontal separation of powers" is necessary to assure that no one person or elite group exerts total control....

[Note: To continue this article, see "Six Essential Principles of Good Government" at our Areopagus website: www.TheAreopagus.org.]

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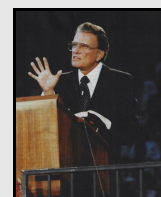
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How Did Fascism and Nazism Come to be Associated with Right-wing Political Ideologies? The Historical Evidence Is Clear

Anyone with even a rudimentary understanding of political philosophy understands that Fascism and Nazism (a.k.a. “National Socialism”) are secularistic totalitarian ideologies that have far more in common with “left-wing” Communism than with any “right-wing” orientation. So why is there such confusion about this, and how did these toxic ideologies come to be associated with “the Right”?



Much has been written and is readily available regarding this fallacy. But despite the obvious facts, liberals and leftists who dominate the media and our education establishment continue to obscure and distort reality because it promotes their “progressive” agenda.

One of the most incisive critiques of this charade is by the economist **Allen Gindler** in his article, “**How and Why Fascism and Nazism Became the ‘Right.’**” Gindler, an independent economist who grew up in the former Soviet Union, traces the origins of this myth to Russian Bolshevik theoreticians in the early 20th century who disingenuously labeled their left-wing rivals as “right-wing” extremists.

Effectively exploiting all the turbulence in Russia during World War I, the hardcore Marxist/Communist/Bolsheviks, led by Vladimir Lenin, prevailed, seized power, and immediately turned their wrath not only on their monarchist and democratic opponents but also on other socialist ideologues and parties. Accordingly, they were masters of disinformation who cleverly mislabeled their left-wing competitors throughout Europe – including the Fascists in Italy and the National Socialists (Nazis) in Germany – as “right-wing” extremists so as to distinguish Soviet Communism from all other rival systems. Aided by sympathetic Western journalists, intellectuals and academicians, Soviet propaganda became embedded in Western media, textbooks, academia and popular culture both before but especially following World War II.

Allen Gindler’s article is a fact-based critique of left-wing revisionist history and propaganda that every conscientious Christian should understand. In his words, “As a winner in World War II, the Soviet Union took the opportunity to rewrite history as the only genuine kind of socialism.” But the truth is that fascism and Nazism have always been variations on socialism that belong on the left-wing of the political spectrum. Their placement on the extreme far-right is artificial and deceptive, and was done for propagandistic purposes during the internecine struggle among various competing forms of socialism.

I encourage you to read the full text of Gindler’s article on our website at www.TheAreopagus.org. This should be “common knowledge” for well-informed American Christians. It is also directly relevant to our upcoming mid-term elections. – *Jefrey Breshears*

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY 101

WARNING!!!

THE REAL GOAL OF SOCIALISM

Other than **Karl Marx**, the foremost Communist theoretician was **Vladimir Lenin** (1870-1924), a virulent Russian revolutionary and the first premier of the U.S.S.R. According to Lenin, socialism is the first phase of Communism – i.e., a necessary transition period in which the ultimate goal is government control over every area of life. In his work, *The State and Revolution*, Lenin declared:
“The goal of socialism is communism.”



Furthermore, he declared,
“Hatred is the beginning of all wisdom....”

“We must hate – hatred is the basis of communism. Children must be taught to hate their parents if they are not communists.”

“We can and must write in a language which sows among the masses hate, revulsion, and scorn toward those who disagree with us.”

Take note: This warning also applies to those who seek to disguise their insidious agenda by disingenuously labeling it **“democratic socialism”!**