

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE  
*Romans*  
**Romans 13:1-7**  
**The Proper Role of Government**  
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**We Must Submit to Authority**

Romans 13:1-2 Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves.

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**Government's Role: Restrain Evil**

Romans 13:3-4 For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; 4 for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil.

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**Submit and Pay Your Taxes**

Romans 13:5-6 **Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection**, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience' sake. 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for rulers are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing.

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**Pay Taxes and Give Honor**

Romans 13:7 **Render to all what is due them**: tax to whom tax is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

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**Applications**

1. We must know that God has ordained those in authority for the restraint of evil.
2. We must submit to governing authorities unless they command us to do something God forbids, or forbid us to do something God commands.

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**God Establishes all Rulers**

Daniel 2:21 It is He who changes the times and the epochs; **He removes kings and establishes kings**; He gives wisdom to wise men and knowledge to men of understanding.

Daniel 4:25b ...and seven periods of time will pass over you, until you recognize that the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind **and bestows it on whomever He wishes.**

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**God Establishes National Borders**

Deuteronomy 32:8 When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance, When He separated the sons of man, **He set the boundaries of the peoples** according to the number of the sons of God.

Acts 17:26 ...He made from one man **every nation** of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times **and the boundaries of their habitation...**

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**Marxist Dream of Borderless World**

“My dream is a hemispheric common market, with open trade and **open borders**, some time in the future with energy that is as green and sustainable as we can get it, powering growth and opportunity for every person in the hemisphere...” (Hillary Clinton).

**Biblical Govt.** = Restrain evil  
**Marxist Govt.** = Redistribute wealth

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### Who Brings Peace?

*It will be a great day when our schools get all the money they need and the air force has to hold a bake sale to buy a bomber (WILPF).*

Isaiah 2:4 And He will judge between the nations, and will render decisions for many peoples; and they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, and never again will they learn war.

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### Obey Government Unless...

Exodus 1:15-17 Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other was named Puah; 16 and he said, "When you are helping the Hebrew women to give birth and see them upon the birthstool, if it is a son, then you shall put him to death; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live." 17 But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt had commanded them, but let the boys live.

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### Obey Government Unless...

Acts 5:28-29 "We gave you strict orders not to continue teaching in this name, and yet, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and intend to bring this man's blood upon us." 29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men."

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