

Economics: A Christian Worldview – Equal Rights or Something Else?

(TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS/KEY)

Purpose

This activity reinforces ideas in the “True Functions of Government” section.

Time

8-10 minutes

Instructions

- Print this instructions/key page and a Page 2 for all students.
- Hand out Page 2 to students and read instructions together.
- Give students 6-8 minutes to finish, and discuss in pairs/groups first (if time), then as a class.

Answer Key

1. A
2. B (also C, but B is primary error)
3. A
4. B/C
5. A
6. B/C
7. A
8. B/C

Wrap-Up

- What makes something a *general law*?
- When does protection turn into favoritism?
- Why does favoritism create political bitterness?

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Mark each statement:

- A. Equal Protection (fits the proper role of government)**
- B. Discriminates Between Classes (partial legislation)**
- C. Government Managing Industry**

1. A man steals tools from his neighbor's garage. Police arrest him, and the court orders him to return the tools and pay penalties. In another case, a business takes customers' money without delivering goods and is forced to repay them.
2. The government passes a law cutting taxes in half for shoe manufacturers. Other businesses, like restaurants and bookstores, must still pay full taxes, giving shoe companies a financial advantage.
3. A person violently attacks another and causes injury. Police arrest the attacker, and the courts punish him under the law to protect citizens from harm.
4. The government promises wheat farmers it will pay them extra money if wheat prices fall too low, ensuring they still make a profit even when market prices drop.
5. A builder completes a house, but the buyer refuses to pay. The court orders the buyer to pay the agreed amount, enforcing the contract equally under the law.
6. The government bans foreign-made hats after domestic hat makers complain about competition. Consumers must now buy only domestic hats, even if they cost more.
7. The government maintains a military to defend the nation from foreign attack, protecting all citizens equally.
8. A company loses money due to poor decisions. The government gives it taxpayer money to keep it operating, even though other businesses receive nothing.

