

American Government & Politics: A Christian Worldview. Short Film:
“Rep. Thomas Massie Rips Democrats and Republicans on Spending” (10–12 Minutes)

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS

Goal

In this short (7:16) film, Representative Thomas Massie rips into the Democrats and Republicans for both increasing spending, while pretending that they oppose increased spending, as basically actors performing for their voters. (This speech was made on the floor of the House on September 9, 2024.)

Instructions

1. Play the short film “Thomas Massie Rips Democrats and Republicans on Spending” here:
<https://youtu.be/wSVqfbRMRvM>.
2. Ask students for their thoughts on this film.

Notes/Massie’s Points:

- There’s a lot of pretend debate between the sides, but in the end each side always votes to fund what the other side wants (Democrats = welfare state, Republics = military/industrial complex).
- The “arguments and fighting” are fake, and each side knows that the spending each side wants will happen in the end.
- Democrats are fine with huge government power increases (Massie lists several examples), but Republicans, although the *say* they’re against them, **vote to fund them every time anyway**.
- The Republicans attached a provision to the next spending bill called the SAVE Act, which deals with whether illegal aliens should be allowed to vote in elections, only to expose the fact that Democrats will vote in favor of allowing illegal aliens to vote. BUT when the final bill is presented, the Republicans will not insist that that provision stays in the bill.