

American Government & Politics: A Christian Worldview – Quiz 11
(“*Schenck v. U.S.*” – “FDR and the Great Depression”)

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 - C. That the Supreme Court must protect all speech regardless of the circumstances
 - D. That war makes speech less powerful, so it doesn’t matter what is said
- _____ 2. What is the primary danger of phrases like “clear and present danger”?
- A. They are used to justify the government’s violation of the First Amendment.
 - B. They are too complicated for the average citizen to understand.
 - C. They encourage people to actually say dangerous things, like “Fire!” in crowded theaters.
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- _____ 3. What happens when the Fed inflates the money supply?
- A. The value of the currency increases, making it easier for the poor to buy goods.
 - B. The government is forced to lower taxes on the middle class.
 - C. The value of each unit of money falls, leading to higher prices for goods and services.
 - D. The economy becomes more stable, because there is more paper money available.
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- _____ 5. Why do big-spending politicians love inflation?
- A. It makes them more popular with business owners.
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- A. the Constitution specifically forbids government involvement in any school
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 - C. it is managed by the Department of Labor instead of the states
 - D. All of these
- _____ 7. What is the primary characteristic of local government compared to the U.S. government?
- A. It is more expensive to operate.
 - B. It is less responsive than federal.
 - C. It tends to oppress the people more than the U.S. gov’t.
 - D. It is generally more accessible to the people.
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- A. They believed they should let the market regulate itself.
 - B. They believed that the best policy was to leave farmers and small business owners alone.
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- _____ 9. What did FDR’s Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau say publicly about the New Deal?
- A. That after eight years of massive spending, the country was just as badly off as before
 - B. That it was the most successful economic turnaround program in American history
 - C. That it had successfully ended the Great Depression, though not as quickly as hoped
 - D. That it was purely an unconstitutional power grab
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- A. It upheld the NRA’s rules on how to sell chickens.
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