

Neocon (servative) Theory - Carl Schmitt

Concept of the Political

Conservative states must fight against UTOPIAN ASPIRATIONS – socialism, globalism, anarchism, and pacifism (anything that aims at universal order without conflict)

Politics is a distinction between friends and enemies; this is a natural set of circumstances and must best be addressed by acknowledging the existing problems – managing and negotiating, not denying. The notion of perpetual peace is a dream that only allows tyrants to grow.

How to Deal with Utopianism:

1. Establish a **COLLECTIVE ENEMY** (a group of values you cannot accept)
2. Establish a **POLEMICAL (opposite) STORY** – which you will always defend
3. Establish a **THREAD OF VIOLENCE** (people must fear they will die)
4. The story is **NON-NEGOTIABLE** – it becomes the collective **MORALITY**
5. The story must **SUPERSEDE** all other distinctions – economic, religious, philosophical
6. The **COLLECTIVE MUST BE WILLING TO DIE**
7. The Collective (Sovereign) must maintain the **POWER TO DECLARE AN ENEMY** (if individuals don't agree, they are in a state of Civil War)
8. **THE STORY MUST TAKE PRECEDENT** over personal whims and convictions
9. **UTOPIANISM IS DISHONEST** – politics will not go away, ever!
10. If we have politics, we **HAVE A HIGHER ORDER**. Individuality does not promote cultural identity.