

CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL AMERICAN GOVERNMENT TEXTBOOKS COMPARED

American Government in Christian Perspective

A Beka Book
(1997)

**Tries to transform subject
but lacks Biblical depth**

American Government for Christian Schools

Bob Jones University Press
(2005)

**Adds general Biblical concepts
to standard secular content**

Both forfeit Christocentrism by underdeveloping Scriptural principles.

Neither links the Constitution's premise of human depravity to Christ's necessary deity to atone for sin, and thus to trinitarianism.

Neither tells how original intent preserves trinitarian federalism.

**Briefly deploras "incorporation"
of U.S. Bill of Rights on states**

**Takes no position on
this erosion of federalism**

Neither tracks unitarian trends on police powers and interstate commerce.

Neither ties the lapse from trinitarian constitutionalism to optimistic views of human nature and denial of Christ's deity.

Both miss how this affects foreign policy, and money and banking.

**Notes flaws, dangers, abuses
in federal regulatory bodies**

**Accepts growing bureaucracy
as inevitable in modern life**

Some free market principles

Fewer free market principles

Both stress how today's "separation of church and state" departs from the original intent of the establishment clause.

Both note the importance of virtue to freedom, of Christian conservative political activism, of the 2nd Amendment right to keep and bear arms.

**Teacher Guide separate
from student edition**

**Teacher wraparound
easier to use**

**33 factual errors
15 technical defects**

**37 factual errors
21 technical defects**

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