

## As Individuals we are Politically Active

The Church of Reality has two separate elements. We are an institution and we are individuals. As an institution we are politically neutral. As individuals we are extremely active. Our Sacred {In:Principle of Activism} inspires us to get involved and change the world. In the Church of Reality it is a sin to fail to vote in an election. We don't tell you who to vote for, but our governments have a huge impact on our ability to pursue the understanding of reality and we therefore need to make sure that we elect people who are compatible with our religious goals and vote on issues that support our {In:Principle of Positive Evolution}.

Politics is in the realm of individual choice. We are a church of individuals who are {In:individualism 'strongly individualistic}. We are not here to tell you who to vote for. Realists, however, are politically aware people with a keen interest in society and the functioning of government. We are people who participate in the structure of society. We are people who want to make the world a better place, care passionately about causes, {In:principle of justice 'social justice}, holding leaders {In:scrutiny and doubt 'accountable}, ethical government, {In:principle of peace 'peace}, and {In:principle of exploration 'education}, to name a few. We are a religion of thinkers. We use reason and wisdom to think things through and come up with the best solution.

We are people who honor those of great political {In:principle of courage 'courage}. We are people who are not only willing to fight for what's right, but to have the {In:principle of honesty 'honesty} and {In:principle of wisdom 'wisdom} to figure out what is right before we fight. We are people who are dedicated to not being fooled by {In:Bullshit} and becoming political suckers, because it creates a false sense of {In:principle of humility 'self importance}. We are willing to go out and protest and, if necessary, to get arrested for causes that are just. We are a culture that speaks out. We believe that to remain silent and allow injustice to occur may be the same as participating in the injustice itself.

Our simplistic definition of our church is that "we believe in everything that is real." But that really doesn't define us. A more accurate definition is that we are here to change society for the better. We are here to transform our world into a better place to live. We are here to transform society into a smarter society. We are here to transform ourselves into better and wiser people. Our goal is the understanding of reality as it really is. But our method for achieving that goal is through {In:Positive Evolution}. Positive Evolution isn't an opinion that humanity is evolving forward. Positive Evolution is a commitment we make to do our best to ensure that humanity evolves forward. And we aren't going to evolve forward unless we as individuals are willing to work to affect the nation states that we live in. So even though the Church of Reality is a religion and politically neutral, as individuals we are very politically active.