

Jeff Bayard's Third Way Framework

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Overview

The term “**Third Way**,” as used in the Constitutional Showdown series by Jeff Bayard, refers to a distinctly Christian and constitutional framework for understanding America’s legal and moral conflicts. This framework is not a political compromise nor a centrist ideology, but a biblical-originalist approach grounded in Scripture and the original intent of the U.S. Constitution.

Definition

The **Third Way** is the integration of biblical truth and constitutional principle to pursue justice without partiality, liberty without license, and governance under God’s moral order. It rejects both extremes that distort justice—whether lawless discrimination or government-imposed favoritism—and calls citizens to return to the Framers’ Christian vision of equal dignity before God and equal protection under law.

Core Principles

1. **Imago Dei** – Every human being bears the image of God (Genesis 1:27), forming the foundation of equal dignity.
2. **Impartial Justice** – God commands justice without partiality (Leviticus 19:15), rejecting both oppression and favoritism.
3. **Accountability for Sin** – Because all have sinned (Romans 3:23), civil government exists to restrain evil and uphold righteousness.
4. **Original Intent Originalism** – The U.S. Constitution must be interpreted according to its Framers’ intent, rooted in natural law and moral order.
5. **Faithful Citizenship** – Christians engage civil society not as partisans, but as ambassadors of truth, seeking lawful justice aligned with God’s Word.

Application

In Constitutional Showdown articles, the **Third Way** functions as a guiding lens through which legal, cultural, and moral questions are examined. It challenges false choices—between silence and stridency, between favoritism and neglect—and shows that biblical faith and constitutional fidelity can coexist in harmony. Each use of the term “Third Way” in Jeff Bayard’s writing refers back to this defined framework.

Authorship Note

This document establishes the authorship and definition of the '**Third Way**' framework as conceived and articulated by Jeff Bayard for the Virginia Christian Alliance’s Constitutional Showdown series. Any reference to '**The Third Way**' in his articles, bylines, or related works refers to this biblical-originalist model.

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