

IS JESUS RED OR BLUE?

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Can we **Disagree** Politically and still **Love** Unconditionally?

Our political views and values are shaped by...

- Where we live
- How we were raised
- Where we were educated
- If we were educated
- What we've been told
- What we've seen
- What we've experienced
- What we've seen others experience

*Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority **comes from God**, and those in positions of authority have been **placed there by God**.² So anyone who rebels against authority is rebelling against what **God has instituted**, and they will be punished.*

*³ For the authorities do not strike fear in people who are doing right, but in those who are doing wrong. Would you like to live without fear of the authorities? Do what is right, and they will honor you. ⁴ **The authorities are God's servants**, sent for your good. But if you are doing wrong, of course you should be afraid, for they have the power to punish you. **They are God's servants**, sent for the very purpose of punishing those who do what is wrong.*

*⁵ So you must submit to them, not only to avoid punishment, but also to keep a clear conscience. ⁶ Pay your taxes, too, for these same reasons. For government workers need to be paid. **They are serving God** in what they do. ⁷ Give to everyone what you owe them: Pay your taxes and government fees to those who collect them, and **give respect and honor to those who are in authority**.*

Romans 13:1-7 (NLT)

Civil Disobedience is one of the many ways people have rebelled and protested against an unfair or unjust government.

*When Joshua was near the town of Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with sword in hand. Joshua went up to him and demanded, "Are you friend or foe?" ¹⁴ "**Neither one**," he replied. "I am the commander of the LORD's army."*

At this, Joshua fell with his face to the ground in reverence. "I am at your command," Joshua said. "What do you want your servant to do?" ¹⁵ The commander of the LORD's

*army replied, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did as he was told. **Joshua 5:13-15 (NLT)***

Theophany

Insights from Joshua 5:13-15

Insight #1: God doesn't come to [take sides](#); He comes to [take over](#)!

Insight #2: We should never give [full allegiance](#) to any one political party.

Insight#3: Neither party [fully reflects](#) the values of the Kingdom of God.

Insight#4: God is not a Republican or a Democrat...He is the consummate [Independent](#)!

*For the kingdom is the Lord's and [He rules over the nations](#). **Psalm 22:28 (NASB)***