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**Biblically Correct  
Influencing Government for Good  
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**View #1: Government Should Compel Religion**

**Luke 9:54 (NIV):** When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?"

**Luke 9:55-56 (NIV):** But Jesus turned and rebuked them. Then he and his disciples went to another village.

**View #2: Government Should Exclude Religion**

**Romans 13:4 (NIV):** For the one in authority is God's servant for your good...

**1 Peter 2:13-14 (NIV):** Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.

**View #3: Just Do Evangelism, Not Politics**

**1 Timothy 2:1-2 (NIV):** I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

**View #4: Just Do Politics, Not Evangelism**

**2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV):** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

**View 5: Christians Should Seek to Influence Civil Government for Good**

**Daniel 4:27 (NLT):** "King Nebuchadnezzar, please accept my advice. Stop sinning and do what is right. Break from your wicked past and be merciful to the poor. Perhaps then you will continue to prosper."

**Matthew 14:3-4 (NIV):** Now Herod had arrested John and bound him and put him in prison because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, for John had been saying to him: "It is not lawful for you to have her."

**Matthew 5:13-15 (NIV):** "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house."

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