



TOO POLITICAL

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Perception: Christians are primarily _____
by a political _____.

1. Because government is God's _____, we are to be
good citizens and show respect. (Romans 13:1-7)

2. No political party in America today _____
_____. (Mark 12:13-17)

3. When the church becomes too closely tied with a political party,
platform, or candidate we lose our _____
_____. (Mark 8:36)

4. We can change perceptions by being...
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_____ (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

Digging Deeper

1. Why do you think Christians are perceived as being too involved in politics? What is your own level of involvement in politics? How much or little involvement do you think Christians should pursue through politics?
2. How did Jesus avoid the trap set for him in Mark 12:13-17? How can we follow his example?
3. Many Christians view the political arena as a means to promote Christian morals within the culture. When does this work and when does it not work? Is this the most viable approach? What other ways can Christian values be infused into a community?
4. What is the role of government from God's perspective in Romans 13:1-7? How do you need to adjust your view to match God's?
5. In what ways can your life help to redeem the term Christian? How can you be a Christian, rather than simply telling people you are one? What does a Christian who represents both truth and grace look and act like?

Helping you give the right response to everyone...

- *More than a Carpenter* by Josh McDowell
- *The Case for Faith* by Lee Strobel
- *The Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel
- *The Reason for God* by Tim Keller