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| **A secular state** |  | **the belief in God/Gods** |
| **atheism** | **A country’s law and governance is kept separate from the religion and religious law** |
| **A theocratic state** | **not believing that there is a God/Gods** |
| **theism** | **A country’s law and governance is based on religion and religious law** |
| **pluralism** | **the belief that people can be good without believing in God/Gods** |
| **humanism** | **the belief that different people with different beliefs & opinions can live well together** |

A - “I think it’s absolutely right – kids today have no respect for anything or anyone. In my religious book it says that adults should hit children to make them behave and I believe in that 100%.”

B - “I really don’t think that religions should be able to change what happens in schools – that’s the job of the government isn’t it?”

C - “I’m very religious myself and I do believe in smacking my own children. However, I wouldn’t tell other parents what to do and I don’t think the government should get involved with any religious groups – where will it all end?”

D - “God/Gods doesn’t/don’t exist – full stop - and religion is just story-telling. This is a disgrace and against the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child – religion and politics should not mix.”

E - “Well, I don’t know whether there’s a god or not, but I do think kids need strong discipline so I’m backing the new law.”

F - “This is terrible – the government should be completely separate from religious groups – that way we can ensure equal and fair rights for everyone. I’m not going to tell you whether I am religious or not because that’s my own business or whether I believe in corporal punishment. All I know is that the government should make the law in the proper way and not because religious groups tell them to.”