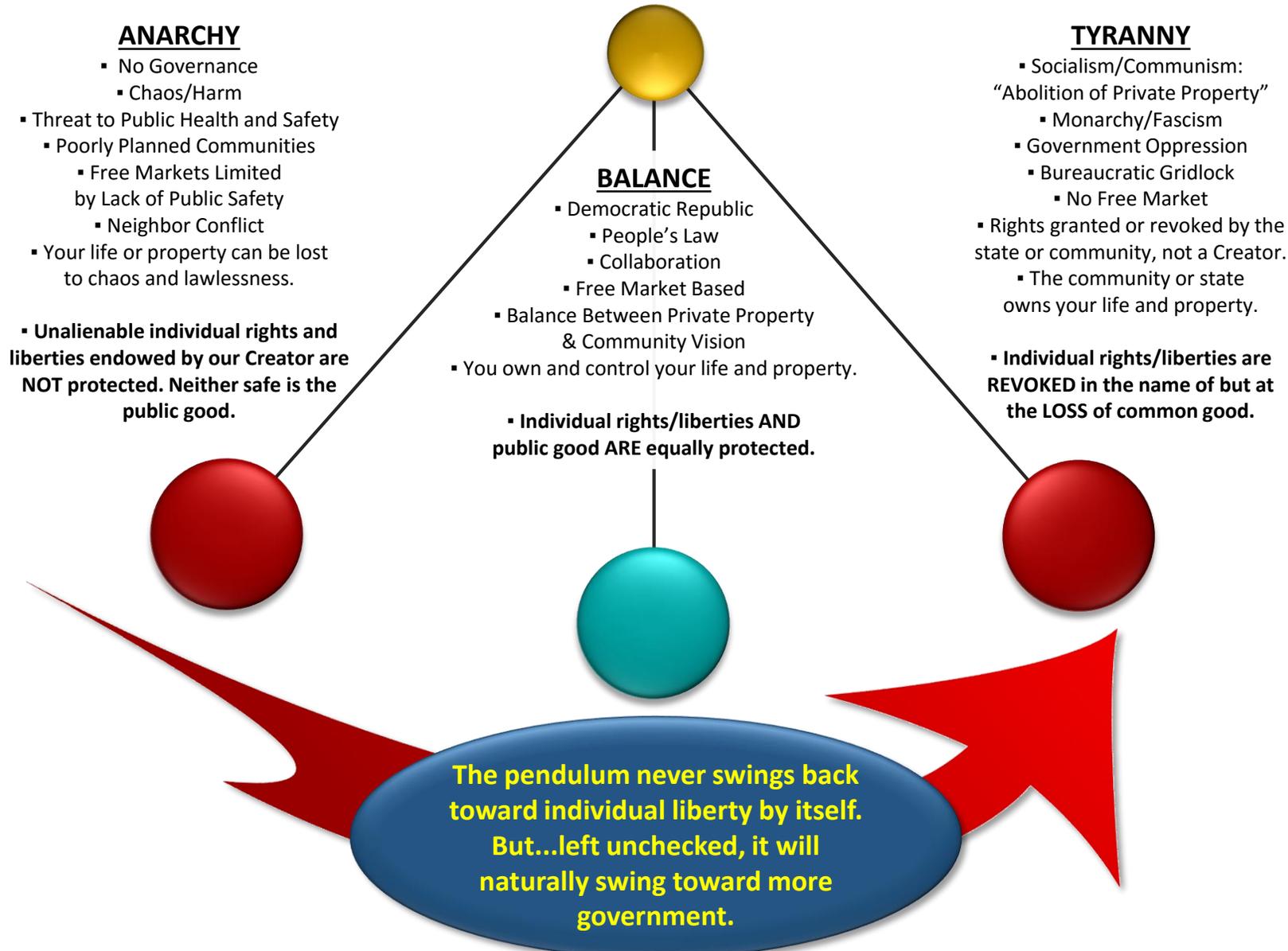


The Balanced Pendulum of Government Control

“There is a natural and necessary progression from the extreme of anarchy to the extreme of tyranny.” — George Washington



“We are now vibrating between too much and too little government, and the **pendulum** will rest finally in the middle.”
— Ford, "The Writings of Thomas Jefferson"

“If once the people become inattentive to the public affairs, you and I, and Congress and Assemblies, Judges and Governors, shall all become wolves. It seems to be the law of **our general nature**, in spite of individual exceptions.”
— Thomas Jefferson

“The theory of the Communists may be summed up in the single sentence: **Abolition of private property.**”
— The Communist Manifesto, Karl Marx, Friedrich Engels

“...it is the nature and disposition of almost all men, as soon as they get a little authority, as they suppose, they will immediately begin to exercise **unrighteous dominion.**”
— D&C 121:39

The Balanced Pendulum of Private Property Rights: I have the right to use my property up until the point I infringe on my neighbor’s right to use his.

The chains with which we bind our neighbor will someday **bind us**. The common good eventually becomes **common bondage**.

“Remember, **democracy never lasts** long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that did not commit suicide.”
— John Adams

“It will be found an unjust and unwise jealousy to **deprive a man of his natural liberty** upon the supposition he may abuse it.”
— George Washington

“As government expands, **liberty contracts.**”
— Ronald Reagan

It is not about political parties or left versus right, it is about tempering the degree of control. Ensure enough government to maintain security, justice, and good order, but **not enough Government to abuse the people.**
— From Cleon Skousen, 5,000 Year Leap

“We are fast approaching the stage of the ultimate inversion: the stage where the government is free to do anything it pleases, while the **citizens may act only by permission**; which is the stage of the darkest periods of human history, the stage of rule by brute force.”
— Ayn Rand

There are two kinds of people: Those who want **liberty** for, versus those who want **control** over their neighbor.