

# Legalism

A philosophy stressing the use of  
strict laws to control behavior

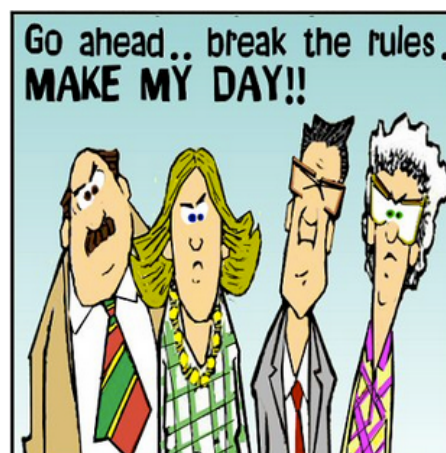
- Strong government
- People are evil and must be forced to do good
- Harsh punishments needed
- **FEAR-BASED**
- People should report the wrongs of others or be punished themselves
- No complaints about the government
- No questioning the government
- No teaching of different ideas
- Burn books with different ideas or philosophies (e.g., Confucianism)

Do we still have legalism today?

YES! (Milder forms)

If so, where do you see it?

Explain what these images have to do with legalism:



**LEGALISM** – It's not just a job, it's a way of life.



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