

**THOUGHT CRIMES:**

**A dystopian fascist fiat**

**Citizen #526-37-5989 –  
you are to be terminated  
for thinking improper thoughts**

**We have probed your mind  
& come to find  
you don't believe in the System**

**You're guilty of spreading false ideas  
about our Glorious Way  
& have used unauthorized channels  
to spread dismay**

**The penalty for disobedience is simple:  
termination starts immediately**

**Let your case  
serve as a warning to others  
undermining our precious freedoms  
& Great Democracy**



**Terri:** If a single ideology becomes a State, this could happen. With Trump, the signs of this are quite obvious.

**Ted:** (nodding) It's chilling to contemplate. Any ideology that becomes absolute also becomes absolutely evil.

**Chris:** We need a diversity of thought and opinion. Each way of viewing the world has some validity. However, each view must be kept in check by others.

**Tim:** Just as biological systems need eco-diversity, perhaps thought systems need what we might call "ideological diversity."

**Sam:** Shucks. (shaking his head, then laughing) Hey, you don't understand basic psychology. Doesn't many people secretly want to be dictators?

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