The state began as protection against chaos. Three hundred years later, the same Leviathan built the GULAG and concentration camps. Why does an instrument of protection inevitably become a tool of suffocation — and can it be stopped before the system enters Game Over?

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👑 Hall 1. The State as 🦀 — monopoly of violence and territory (why without it there is chaos, but it also suffocates 🌊)

«The state is a machine that has monopolised legitimate violence. Without it — war of all against all. With it — slow suffocation of freedom. Choose which you prefer».

2E-political scientist, drawing a diagram of the social contract

Introduction

1. England is torn between king and parliament. Over nine years of civil war, about 190,000 people will die — almost 4% of the population. Thomas Hobbes, who fled to Paris, watches the chaos and in 1651 publishes Leviathan: the only way to avoid a “war of all against all” is to surrender all power to an absolute sovereign.

The solution works — peace reigns within the country. But centuries pass, and the same Leviathan grows teeth. In 1933, Hitler uses emergency powers to crush any opposition. In 1937, denunciations become the norm in the USSR, and the GULAG holds 1.5 million people. The state, created as a shield, turns into a sword aimed at its own people.

How is this possible? And is there a form of state that does not degenerate into tyranny, yet does not slide into anarchy?

Hall 1. The State: from social contract to suppression of freedom

🔹 ❌ Anarchy: war of all against all (England 1642–1651)

Without a central force, everyone defends themselves. During the English Civil War, royalist and parliamentary armies alternately plunder villages, trade is paralysed, inflation soars. Hobbes notes: in such a state, accumulation (💎) is impossible — all resources go to survival. The system hits a dead end (❌), where production is replaced by plunder.

🔹 💎 Accumulation: Peace of Westphalia 1648

Ten years before Leviathan, Europe cements a new protocol: the Peace of Westphalia of 1648 recognises the sovereignty of each state within its borders. The Netherlands and Switzerland gain independence; the principle “cuius regio, eius religio” fixes the monarch’s right to determine the faith of his subjects. Internal peace launches trade: Dutch maritime trade volume triples over the 17th century. This is a classic 🐍 bypass of anarchy — the monopoly on violence creates space for growth.

🔹 🦈 Fixation: laws as i-obj (Parkinson, tax code, Corpus Juris)

To maintain order, the state churns out laws. In 1955, Cyril Parkinson notes that the number of British Admiralty employees grew by 40% from 1914 to 1928, although the number of ships was halved. Bureaucracy multiplies regardless of workload. Another example: the US tax code — 70,000 pages, impenetrable even for specialists. And the Roman Corpus Juris Civilis (529–534 AD) outlived the empire itself — it is a pure 📝 blueprint, an i-obj that can be deployed on any substrate. But in the current loop, these codes become a self-sustaining force, suppressing any initiative.

🔹 ❌ Hypertrophy: the Syringe in the USSR and the Third Reich

When the state over-tightens 🦀 (repression) and 🦈 (laws), it suffocates 🌊. In the USSR, by 1939 the GULAG held about 1.5 million people, and in 1937 nearly 1 million denunciations were recorded. In Nazi Germany, the Enabling Act of 1933 allowed Hitler to rule by decree; by 1945 about 700,000 people had passed through concentration camps. Both systems become Syringes — hypertrophy of one axis (violence and control) leads to collapse: the Third Reich was defeated in 1945, the USSR collapsed in 1991. The 💎 accumulated over decades is burned on maintaining the repressive machine.

🔹 🐍 Balance: the state as a Blob (Switzerland)

The optimal form is where no axis dominates. Switzerland has a strong army (🦀), but direct democracy at the cantonal level: referendums are held several times a year, including the historic 1971 one when women finally got the vote (though only 66% in favour — a long struggle). GDP per capita in 2019 was ~$80,000, the murder rate 0.5 per 100,000 (one of the lowest in the world). Here 🦈 (constitution) is subject to revision at the citizens’ request, 🌊 is not crushed. The state is not a Syringe, but a Blob: it protects the perimeter but leaves room for movement.

🧩 Paradoxes of the state

Paradox 1

The state was created to protect rights, but it becomes the main violator (imprisonment, death penalty, confiscation). 2E: protection 🦀 turns into oppression 🦀. *Example: the death penalty as "protection of the right to life" — a cynical paradox that the state justifies with its own logic.*

Paradox 2

The monopoly on violence reduces street crime, but gives rise to state crime (wars, repression, corruption). 2E: one ❌ replaces another. *Example: in Nazi Germany street crime was minimal, but state terror became the norm.*

Paradox 3

The stronger 🦀 (totalitarian state), the less 🌊 and the higher the risk of ❌ (revolution). The weaker 🦀 (failed state), the higher the risk of ❌ (anarchy). *Example: the USSR fell from excess control, Somalia from its absence. Both outcomes are disaster.*

Paradox 4

The state protects private property — this stimulates 🌊. But the taxes it collects for this protection narrow 🌊 (take away chips). *Example: the Swedish model with high taxes and strong social security is a compromise, but any compromise is fragile.*

2E Verdict: the state is a necessary 🤖 that can become a Syringe

The state is the greatest social 🤖. It allowed us to escape from ❌ anarchy, accumulate 💎 and build civilisation. But every 🤖 has a price: the monopoly on violence inevitably tends toward self-reproduction. Laws that should be i-obj for immortality become a stranglehold on the living.

The problem is not the strength of the state, but its distribution. A Syringe (hypertrophy of one axis) breaks either from revolution or from external shock. A Blob (balance of all three axes) lives longer — like Switzerland, which combines a strong army, direct democracy, and flexible law.

Anarchy is no better than dictatorship. Dictatorship is no better than anarchy. Seek the Blob. Where 🦀 protects, 🌊 breathes, and 🦈 serves, not commands.

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Test Yourself

❓ Questions to check understanding

1. By how many times did the number of British Admiralty employees grow from 1914 to 1928 (from 2,000 to 2,800)? Which of Parkinson's laws does this illustrate, and what does it say about the tendency of bureaucracy to self-reproduce?
2. If the state takes 45% of GDP in taxes (as in Sweden), and the standard of living is high — is this a Syringe or a Blob? Justify through the distribution of chips among 🦀 (defence, police), 🌊 (social programmes, entrepreneurial freedom), and 🦈 (laws, bureaucracy).
3. Recall the example of Somalia: in 1991 the Siad Barre regime fell, and the country plunged into chaos. Which axes of the Triad collapsed first, and why did the restoration of central authority drag on for decades?

🛠️ System Protocols

Protocol «Syringe Diagnosis» (How to recognise that the state has over-tightened 🦀)

Step 1: Calculate the share of government spending in GDP. If it exceeds 50% — the first warning bell (compare: USA ~36%, Sweden ~49%, USSR ~70% in the 1980s).
Step 2: Estimate the number of political prisoners per 100,000 population. In the USSR in 1939 — about 800; in modern Russia — about 30. The threshold beyond which the state begins to suffocate 🌊 lies somewhere between 50 and 100.
Step 3: Check for the existence of independent courts and freedom of speech. If criticism of the authorities disappears from the media — 🌊 is suppressed, the system is in a Syringe. If criticism exists but changes nothing — the system is in a Necro-Box.

Protocol «Evacuation of i-obj» (How to survive state collapse)

Step 1: In advance, identify critical `i-obj` — assets (digital wallets, foreign real estate), skills (profession, languages), connections (professional networks). Pack them into a transportable form: cloud backups, cryptographic keys.
Step 2: Identify alternative jurisdictions (countries with reliable legal systems) or decentralised protocols where your `i-obj` will be recognised.
Step 3: Keep the plan in mind, but activate it only when irreversible signs of collapse appear (mass arrests, internet shutdown, currency devaluation). Premature exit means losing resources without cause.

👑 Hall 2. Ideologies as 🦈-patterns that program the crowd — why people die for abstractions (communism, Nazism, democracy)

«Ideology is a virus that makes the body's cells sacrifice themselves to preserve someone else's code. But without it, the crowd is just noisy chaos».

2E-sociologist, watching a rally

Introduction

October 25, 1917 (old style). Two thousand Bolshevik activists, supported by 10,000 armed workers and sailors, storm the Winter Palace. They seize power in an empire of 170 million people. Not by numbers — by ideology: they have a code that synchronises the actions of tens of thousands without a single order. The flag is a piece of cloth. But what it means to the crowd is the most dangerous 🪨 of all.

Without a common 🪨, people act chaotically — every man for himself. Coordination requires huge chips. Ideology solves this in one blow: a common code synchronises thousands of strangers without negotiation. This is a powerful 🐍 — it builds empires, raises revolutions, holds armies under fire. Marx's Capital (1867), Hitler's Mein Kampf (1925–26), the US Declaration of Independence (1776) — all are 📝 blueprints, i-obj that outlived their authors and continue to work on new substrates.

But if 🪨 becomes harder than physical survival — ideology turns into a parasitic loop. When the flag becomes more valuable than life, that is not patriotism, it is a firmware bug. Ideology has ceased to be a tool; it has become the master. 🌊 (doubt, criticism) is zeroed out. All chips go to maintaining the idea. Between 10 and 15 million people died in the GULAG over three decades (1930s–1950s) — this is not an implementation error, it is the logic of code that demands sacrifices for its own existence.

Ideology: cycles of 💎❌🌀 and the parasitic loop

🔹 ❌ Before ideology: atomised crowd

Without a common 🦈, people act chaotically, each for themselves. Coordination requires huge chips (negotiation, persuasion). French peasants before 1789 — hundreds of local revolts, not a single revolution. ❌: impossibility of collective action beyond the village. No 💎 accumulation — energy dissipates in local conflicts. Society is viscous, slow.

🔸 💎 Accumulation: ideology as a battery

Ideology offers a common code (🦈): “What is good and evil”, “Who is friend and foe”, “Which system is right”. It allows thousands of strangers to act together without negotiating every time. The Bolsheviks seized power with 2% of the population (about 3.4 million party members by 1917, by various estimates) — because their ideology was a compressed i-obj that worked faster than any bureaucracy. Accumulation begins: the energy of the crowd is concentrated, empires, revolutions, movements emerge. 💎 grows until it hits the next ❌.

🔹 🦈 Fixation: flags, slogans, anthems, leaders as i-obj

Ideology is cemented through rituals (parades, meetings, songs), symbols (flags, badges, uniforms), texts (manifestos, sacred books). These are 📝 blueprints — i-obj that can outlive a given generation and be replicated on another substrate. Marx’s Capital (1867) was read in Russia, China, Cuba — the same code worked on different machines. Nazi Germany: by 1938, NSDAP membership reached about 8 million, roughly 12% of the adult population, and with satellite organisations coverage up to 80%. This creates a strong 🦀 identity (“us” vs “them”) and saves chips: you don’t have to explain who you are and why every time.

🔸 ❌ of Fanaticism: when 🦈 devours the host

If 🦈 becomes harder than physical survival, ideology turns into a parasitic loop. People are ready to die for an abstraction because their 🌊 (personal gain, doubt) is zeroed out, while 🦀 (group belonging) is hypertrophied. 💎 accumulated over decades is burned to maintain the purity of the code. Example: Japanese kamikaze (1944–1945) — 3,000 pilots who voluntarily crashed into ships. Communist China: the Great Leap Forward (1958–1961) claimed up to 30 million lives — not by mistake, but because the code demanded sacrifices for the purity of the experiment. Cambodia under Pol Pot (1975–1979): the Khmer Rouge regime killed 1.5 to 2.5 million people (about a quarter of the population) in an attempt to build an agrarian utopia. Democracy in its parasitic phase: elections without choice, civic participation as ritual (in the US, local election turnout in 2022 was about 37%, and midterm congressional elections around 15–20%, while lobbying and corporate money often determine policy).

🔹 🌀 of Change: how ideologies die and resurrect through i-obj

An ideology can die (communism in the USSR — December 1991), transform (social democracy from Marxism), go underground (fascism after 1945), or be revived through nostalgia (post-Soviet revanchist movements in the 2000s). But its i-obj remain in archives, books, algorithms. They can be extracted and run on a new substrate — like a virus waiting for a host. 2E: ideology is a living 🦈 that either adapts or becomes a Necro-Box (rituals without content). The new 🌀 often comes from younger generations not infected by old loops — as the Arab Spring of 2011, where social media became a new i-obj for coordination without leaders.

🧩 Paradoxes of ideologies

Paradox 1

Ideologies promise paradise on earth, but in practice often build hell (USSR, Nazi Germany, Pol Pot). 2E: 🦈 that does not account for 🌊 (human nature) inevitably generates ❌. *Example: the utopia of communism → GULAG as the flip side of the coin.*

Paradox 2

The bloodiest conflicts occur not between "rational" actors, but between carriers of different 🦈. The closer the ideologies (communists vs social democrats in Germany 1918–1919), the fiercer the struggle — "the heretic is worse than the pagan". 2E: small differences in 🦈 create the strongest ❌.

Paradox 3

A person without ideology is easier to manipulate (no internal 🦀 perimeter). But a person with a strong ideology can make insane sacrifices — and that is both their strength and weakness. *Example: a Nazi officer carrying out an order to shoot children — the system replaced his conscience.*

Paradox 4

In a crisis (❌), people massively seek a strong 🦈 (authoritarian ideology) as salvation. But often that very ideology is the cause of the crisis. *Example: Weimar Republic (1919–1933) → Nazism — in 1932 unemployment reached 30%, they sought order, got total collapse.* 2E: the loop closes.

2E Verdict: ideology is a tool, not truth

Ideology is a powerful 🤖 for coordinating millions. But in its parasitic phase it devours the host. Communism promised heaven — built the GULAG (up to 15 million victims). Nazism promised greatness — built Auschwitz (about 1.1 million killed in that single camp). Democracy that becomes a religion turns into a ritual without content — elections as cargo cult, lobbying as a substitute for the will of the people.

Here is the cynical nuance: ideology is the only way to make people do what is not in their interest but is useful for the system. That is its strength and its curse. Manifestos and constitutions are 📝 blueprints, i-obj that can outlive their creators and be replicated on new substrates. The question is, who uses whom: do you use ideology, or does ideology use you?

When 🦈 demands dying for an abstraction — that is a signal that the loop has become a parasite. Have an ideology. But do not merge with it 100%. Leave some 🌊.

The next hall will show how the same mechanics work at a finer level — ideologies as rootkits of consciousness, implanting themselves into basic beliefs.

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Test Yourself

❓ Questions to check understanding

1. What ideology is in your head right now? Can you formulate its basic axioms in 30 seconds? If not — you are already flashed by someone else's system, you just don't realise it.
2. Where in your life does 🪨 become harder than survival? What are you ready to die for? If you have an answer — check whether it is your choice or an imposed loop.
3. Is it possible to live without ideology? Or is "absence of ideology" also an ideology (liberalism, postmodernism, cynicism)? Where does freedom end and the parasite begin?
4. If ideology is an i-obj, what is your personal blueprint? Can you pack your principles into a 📝 so that they outlive you and work on another substrate?

🛠️ System Protocols

Protocol «Diagnosis of the parasitic loop» (How to recognise that ideology has begun to devour you)

Step 1: Check whether you have the right to doubt the key dogmas of your ideology. If doubt is punished (by internal discomfort, exclusion from the group) — that is a warning bell.
Step 2: Estimate how many chips (time, money, relationships) you spend on serving ideology versus investing in yourself. If the ratio is 80/20 or worse — ideology has become a parasite.
Step 3: Look at those who leave your group. Do you consider them traitors or simply people with a different choice? If the former — the loop has tightened.

Protocol «Evacuation from the loop» (How to separate your own code from someone else's)

Step 1: Find axioms in your thinking that you accepted without verification. Write them down. These are the parasite's entry points.
Step 2: For each axiom, find an alternative — at least hypothetical. Ask: "What if it is not so?" If fear arises — the loop holds you.
Step 3: Create a personal i-obj — a set of principles that works without external support. If the system collapses, you must preserve your firmware. Keep it with you; do not let others in.

Hall 2.1 Ideologies as rootkits of consciousness — why the mind virus is more effective than tanks

«Weapons format the perimeter. Ideology hijacks the factory of meaning. He who writes the firmware for the kernel controls the game without ever touching the hardware».

2E-propagandist, explaining the power of software

Introduction

March 5, 1933. The Nazi Party receives 43.9% of the votes in the Reichstag elections. This is not a victory of tanks — it is a victory of firmware. In ten years they reformat the core of the nation: from the Weimar Republic (1919–1933) to the Third Reich, which will start a war with 80 million people. The weapons came later. First there was the code: Mein Kampf (1925–26) — by 1933 about 5 million copies had been sold. The book became a 📝 blueprint, an i-obj that outlived its author and worked on millions of hosts.

How does this mind virus work? It enters through a breach: the brain cannot tolerate uncertainty. Weimar Germany in 1932 — 30% unemployment, inflation destroyed savings. Hitler's ideology promises to close this ❌: to give work, bread, order. The 💎 accumulation of fear and hope creates a charge that pierces critical thinking. Then the code sews axioms into Read-Only. Doubt is blocked by guilt. By 1938, NSDAP membership reached 8 million (~12% of the adult population), and with satellite organisations coverage up to 80%.

The infected host spreads the code itself and sacrifices itself. Kamikaze (1944–45) — 3,000 pilots who voluntarily crashed into ships. This is a rootkit that runs on the host's energy, with zero maintenance cost. Weapons need fuel and logistics. The mind virus needs only faith.

Mind virus: how the kernel is reflashed (cycles 💎❌🔄 with examples)

🔹 Bootloader: entry through vulnerability (fear of death and chaos)

1517 — Martin Luther nails 95 theses to the door of Wittenberg Cathedral. His idea: salvation through faith, not through indulgences. He enters through the bug of medieval man — fear of hell and guilt. Within 40 years, Protestantism covers half of Europe. Similarly in 1917 — the Bolsheviks use war fatigue (Russia lost 2 million dead in three years). The idea "Peace, bread, land" becomes the Bootloader. 💎 **Accumulation:** fear and hope are concentrated, creating a charge that breaks the old picture of the world.

🔹 Read-Only kernel: dogmas and taboos (how code is protected from editing)

The code prescribes axioms that cannot be verified from within. Example: in the USSR, atheism becomes state doctrine. In the 1920s, more than 20,000 churches were closed; by 1939, the GULAG held 1.5 million prisoners — doubt is punished by isolation. In Catholicism, the dogma of papal infallibility (1870, First Vatican Council) makes the kernel unreachable. ❌**-Dead end:** the system cannot process data that contradicts dogma. Galileo (1633) was forced to recant because his heliocentrism contradicted Scripture. Dogma as i-obj is protected from change — any edit is perceived as an attack on identity.

🔹 API replication: rituals, texts, social networks (how the virus copies itself)

To live, the virus must spread. Christianity uses baptism and Eucharist — rituals that synchronise believers. Islam — five daily prayers. In 1517, Gutenberg's printing press (1439) multiplies the 95 theses within weeks — this is an i-obj that bypasses church control. In the 20th century, radio and cinema become new channels: in Nazi Germany, by 1939 70% of households had radio receivers ("people's receivers") through which propaganda was broadcast. In 2011, social media (Facebook, Twitter) became an API for the Arab Spring — leaderless coordination based on common 📝 blueprints. 🔄 **Bypass:** rituals and texts allow the virus to circumvent isolation. Manifestos, constitutions, sacred books are packaged i-objs replicable on new substrates without loss of meaning.

🔹 💎❌🔄 cycle: from sect to empire and back (4 examples)

- **Early fork (💎):** 313 — Edict of Milan legalises Christianity. Persecution ends, growth begins. By 380, Christianity is the state religion of the Roman Empire. 🌊 is hurricane-like — the church adapts quickly.
- **Institutionalisation (❌):** 1095 — Pope Urban II calls for a crusade. The church becomes a feudal lord, the Inquisition (established 1231) burns heretics. The code freezes. 💎 is burnt on suppressing dissent. Attack.
- **Schism (🔄):** 1517 — Luther. Protestantism — a fork that sheds institutional 🦀, returning to early 🌊. The cycle repeats.
- **Digital analogue:** 2023 — TikTok, 95 minutes per day on average per user. The algorithm is an unconscious mind virus that hijacks attention without dogmas. This is a new fork: software without ideology, pure 🌊 of control.

Table: why the mind virus is more effective than weapons (with figures)

Parameter	Weapons (e.g., Tiger tank)	Mind virus (e.g., Nazi propaganda)
Maintenance cost	High (~800,000 Reichsmarks for a Tiger in 1942)	Zero (host feeds itself)
Resistance	Always present (action = reaction)	None (victim believes the idea is their own)
Duration of control	As long as the gun is aimed	Forever (until firmware changes)
Mechanism of impact	Physical destruction	Kernel overwrite
Maximum coverage	Limited by production (~1,300 Tigers total)	Potentially unlimited (80 million in the Reich)

The mind virus is a botnet that fights for you, spending the host's resources. An ideology is thousands of times cheaper than a tank and kills more effectively.

Paradoxes of ideological software

Paradox 1

Ideologies are born as a bypass of suffering, but once institutionalised, they themselves become a source of suffering. 2E: the same protocol that healed begins to kill. *Example: Christianity from the catacombs (before 313) to the Inquisition (1231–1834, about 3–5 thousand executions in Spain).*

Paradox 2

An atheist can be as fanatical as a believer, because their "absence of ideology" is also a rigid . *Example: Soviet atheism — by the 1920s 20,000 churches closed, Marx and Lenin as saints, subbotniks as rituals.*

Paradox 3

The most resilient ideologies are those that simulate renewal without changing the core. *Example: Catholicism — the Second Vatican Council (1962–1965) renewed rituals but preserved dogmas; communism — "course corrections" while preserving Marxism-Leninism.*

Paradox 4

Digital algorithms (TikTok, recommender systems) are an unconscious mind virus that hijacks attention without ideology. 2E: the next stage — software without dogmas, pure of control. *Example: TikTok users don't know why they get stuck for 95 minutes — the firmware was updated without their knowledge.*

2E Verdict: ideology is software that can be rewritten, but not painlessly

The mind virus is the most effective governance tool. It runs on the host's resources, meets no resistance, holds control forever — until the firmware changes. But even the most perfect code has bugs: reality eventually breaks the Read-Only kernel. Galileo (1633) against the Church — an example where external ❌ (scientific data) shatters dogma. 1991 — communism in the USSR collapsed because the economy no longer matched the promises.

Here is the cynical nuance: ideology is the only way to make a person do what is not in their interest but is useful for the system. Manifestos, constitutions, sacred books are i-objs that outlive their creators and await new hosts. They do not die — they sleep. Mein Kampf (1925) sleeps in archives, but can be extracted. Capital (1867) sleeps — and restarts in new forms.

The most dangerous code is the one you consider your own identity. It cannot be removed without destroying the host. Ideology is an operating system masquerading as a user. The only defence is to keep a loophole for in the kernel. If you cannot say "I was wrong" — then you no longer control the system. The system controls you.

The next hall will show how the same mechanics work on the substrate of religion — the ancient Box of Loops that structures and closes the ❌ of death and uncertainty.

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Test Yourself

❓ Questions to check understanding

1. In 1933 the Nazis got 43.9% of the vote. What percentage of the population was covered by party organisations by 1938 (including satellites)? What share of chips went to maintaining ideology versus investing in production? Compare with modern figures (e.g., time spent on social media).
2. If your personal code (set of beliefs) were written as a file, how many people could read and understand it? Or does it die with you? If it is not transferable — you are not a Charioteer, but just a host.
3. Are TikTok algorithms a new mind virus or just a tool? Where does your choice end and control begin? Is there any difference if the outcome is the same?

🛠️ System Protocols

Protocol «Firmware Diagnosis» (How to recognise that your code is not yours)

Step 1: Find three axioms in your thinking that you have never tested for truth. Write them down. For example: "Freedom is good", "Money is evil", "Power corrupts".
Step 2: For each axiom, ask: "Who benefits from me believing this?" If the answer is not you, it is someone else's code.
Step 3: Try to live one day acting contrary to this axiom. If fear paralyzes you — the loop has tightened. If it's easy — the code was superficial.

Protocol «OS Switch» (How to reinstall the kernel without losing identity)

Step 1: Divide your thinking into two parts: basic principles (that work without external support) and borrowed dogmas (accepted without verification).
Step 2: For each borrowed dogma, find an alternative — at least hypothetical. This is your "dual-boot mode".
Step 3: Write your personal manifesto — 10 principles that work independently of the system. This is your i-obj. Keep it with you. If the system collapses — this is the blueprint for a new build.