"Selfocracy" ... defined as:

"Governance which primarily focuses on encouraging & rewarding human selfishness."

At first glance Selfocracy might seem like a great idea, having the ring of "freedom". However, human self-centeredness & greed thrive un-encouraged; with focused encouragement the result is:

Worshipping at the Altar of Selfishness which evolves to Self-Worship

by the winners.

"Occupy Wall Street" hoped to peacefully curb our excesses, to no avail. My perception is that the national leadership of the U.S.A. has become a Selfocracy; I'll welcome events that prove me wrong.

The future actions of both Selfocracies and Theocracies are both very dangerously unpredictable; my favorite historical examples:

Selfocracy: England's "Opium War" against China. (1839-1842) Theocracy: The 4th Crusade - Christians bashed Christians. (1201-1204)

Theocracies offer plausible, tangible, sufficiently-disciplined ways to fight back against the excesses of Selfocracies; we're in that fight, eh?



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