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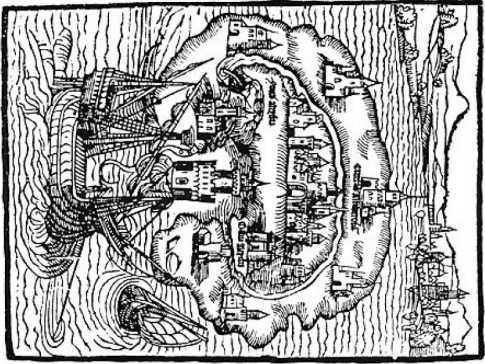
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Utopian Structure

- Citizens have restrictions on when they work, eat, leisure activities, and where to live.
- Citizens who break laws are enslaved and treated worse than foreign slaves
- Utopians have no desire for individuality because they have been molded by the system to always prioritize the commonwealth
- The people have been altered by their governing system to the point that they do not know how to want anything else or enact any change

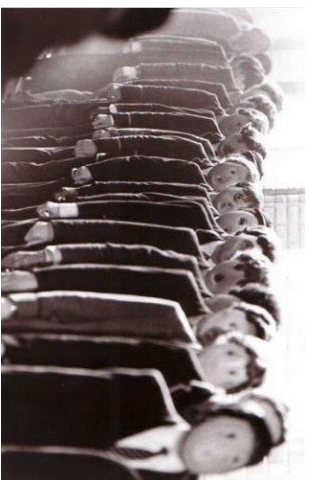
“Else he that killeth himself before that the priests and the council have allowed the cause of his death, him as unworthy either to be buried or with fire be consumed, they cast unburied into some stinking marsh” (More, pg. 99)

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What would a
good and just
society look like?

The more a government regulates and restricts the actions of its citizens, the greater the risk that the masses will be unable to enact change to the system and prevent corruption



“Rule by Nobody [bureaucracy] is clearly the most tyrannical of all, since there is no one left who could even be asked to answer for what is being done” (Arendt, part II, pg. 38)

“Power is never the property of an individual; it belongs to a group and remains in existence only so long as the group keeps together” (Arendt, II, pg. 44)

Arendt’s examples of power and violence and More’s Utopian vision each demonstrate why Utopian governance could never actually exist; the Utopians have no individuality or faculty of action

