11180 - The attitude of Islam towards deviant (political) parties and those who indulge in them

the question

Some people are Muslims but they indulge in political parties, and those parties follow either Russia or America. These parties are many and varied, such as the Progressive party, the Socialist party, the Independence party, the Liberal party, the Nationalist party, the Youth party, the Democratic party, and other parties which are all more or less similar. What is the attitude of Islam towards these parties, and towards Muslims who indulge in these parties – is their Islam sound?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Whoever has an understanding of Islam, strong faith, Islamic integrity, farsightedness and eloquence, and is thus able to exert some influence on the direction of the party so that it will take an Islamic direction, may get involved in these parties or with the one which is most likely to be more receptive towards the truth – in the hope that Allaah will benefit others through him and guide whomsoever He wills to give up deviant political trends and follow the just politics of sharee'ah, thus bringing the ummah together on the Straight Path. But he should not follow their deviant principles.

Whoever does not have such strong faith and integrity and fears that he may be influenced by them instead of wielding influence, should keep away from those parties, so as to avoid fitnah and to protect his religious commitment from the same fate as they suffered, lest he fall into deviance and corruption as they have done.