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## **TSCF defines third way between statism and liberalism**

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The current policy debate regularly refers to “keynesianism” that supports more government intervention, more subsidies and larger budget deficits, as opposed to “liberalism” (or neo-liberalism) that supports less government intervention, less taxes and more individual responsibility. TSCF refuses this alternative. It is true that government has become too invasive and that its intervention into the life of society should be reduced. However, the issue is how to replace it once its powers will have diminished. Liberalism has no answer, except emphasizing individual freedom. But society is not a collection of individuals. Reducing the powers of government is good, but it presupposes an increased capacity of society to administer itself. Whenever a withdrawal of the state from the economy has been conducted without the appropriate empowerment of civil society, social inequalities worsened, selfishness increased, police and military regulations were promulgated and civil freedom diminished. TSCF calls for more civic engagement into communities, unions, associations, religious movements, youth organizations, the justice system, as well as a stronger spirit of community, mutual support, negotiation and compromise – in other words, for enhanced social capital. These are the necessary components of an empowered civil society that could succeed at reducing the power of government.