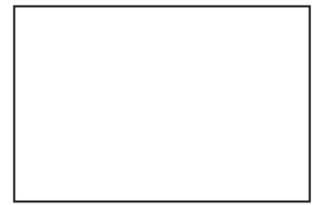


The Totalitarian Rubric*

to determine whether you live in a totalitarian dictatorship

This rubric had been developed to determine if and to what extent you are living in a totalitarian dictatorship because that we live in a democracy is not that evident as it might seem. This rubric is based on an analysis of Hannah Arendt's *Totalitarianism* named *What is Totalitarian Dictatorship?* By Eef Veldkamp. From Arendt's

Totalitarianism one can distillate 'totalitarian traits' which you will find in this rubric. Are the most of the results of the questions located at the red side of the rubric, it means chances are significant that you are living in a totalitarian dictatorship. This rubric can be used for the following subjects: your family, your work or the society.



Colour the average colour here.

The ideology (of the chosen subject)

- 1.1 The ideology has world domination as its goal, in whatever form: as an idea or in reality.
- 1.2 The ideology is a 'law of nature' or 'necessary history' reasoned from one idea, which is empowered by propaganda.
- 1.3 The ideology concerns everything. It tries to realise a transcendental idea into immanent reality, which is paradoxical.
- 1.4 Within the ideology there is no distinction between fact and fiction, it is post truth. This is empowered by terror.

The movement

- 2.1 The movement has as its goal to keep moving and changing. This also counts for her civics, policy and apparatus.
- 2.2 The movement is shapeless: it is clear to no one who is in power when, where and why.
- 2.3 The movement is reflexive, in the end she destroys herself because the endless movement does not lead anywhere.

The leader

- 3.1 The leader is the functionary of the masses: he or she executes the masses' 'will'. He or she is the messiah of the ideology.
- 3.2 The leader is a 'totalitarian paradox': leader and subjects are one, but the subjects are also submissive to the leader.
- 3.3 The leader is not seated on the seat of power: the ideology is. He is the right hand or messiah of the ideology.
- 3.4 The leader is not a power-hungry tyrant, but he or she is negligible and 'atomised': alone in the masses.

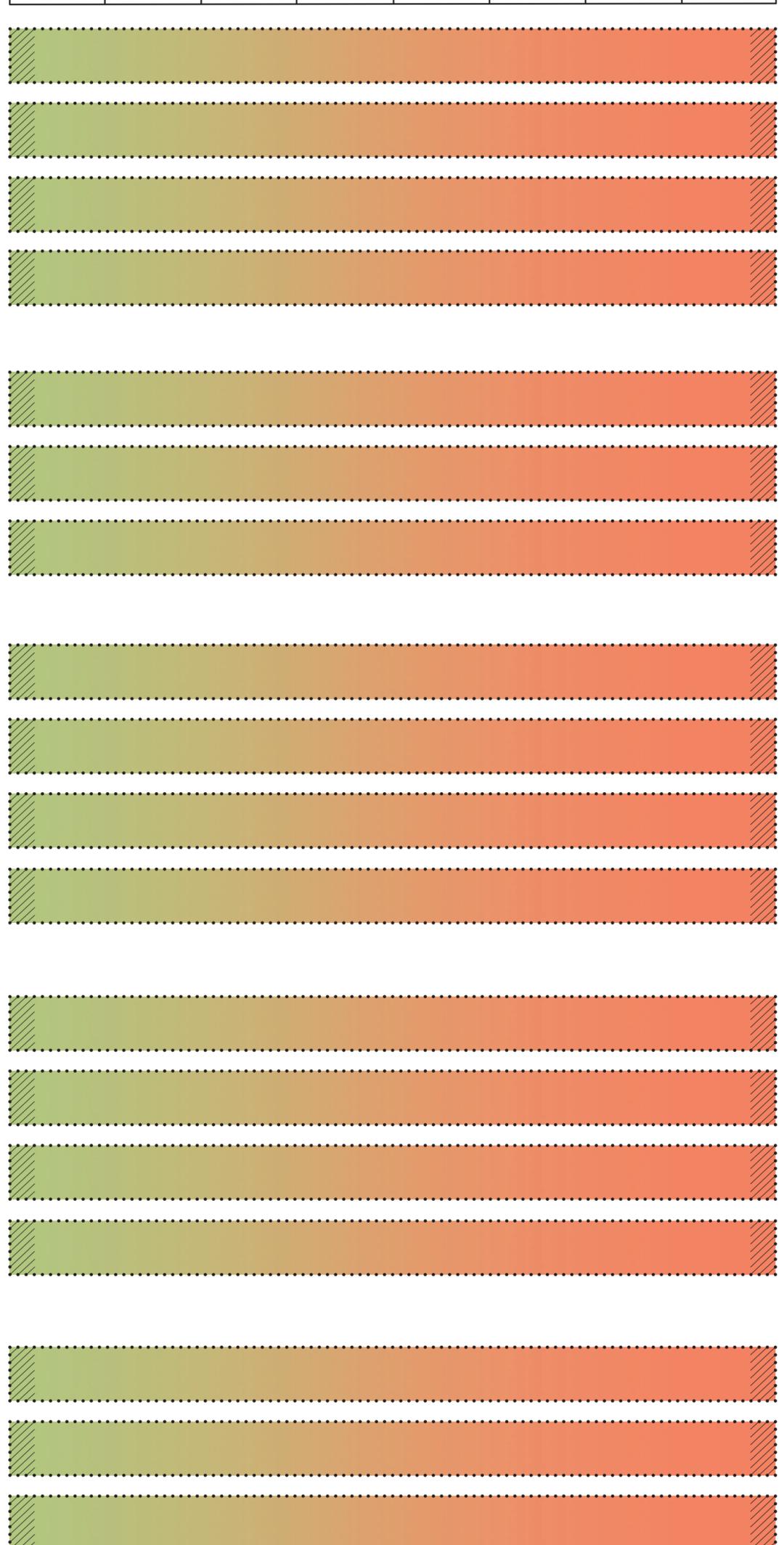
The state apparatus

- 4.1 The state apparatus executes the ideology but is doomed to fail. Her tools are terror, propaganda and indoctrination.
- 4.2 The state apparatus has chaos as its norm. The 'doubling of services' makes it unclear where the power is seated.
- 4.3 Within the state apparatus the highest public power lies at the police. Aggression is aimed towards within the state.
- 4.4 The state apparatus is so shapeless that a sixth sense is needed to know who to obey.

The mass(es)

- 5.1 The mass suffers from a 'majority complex': a quantitative will to majority, and therewith keeps the ideology in place.
- 5.2 The mass is the sum total of all radical socialised, atomised individuals. There's an epidemic of 'abandonment'.
- 5.3 The mass represses in the long run herself. Without her belief in the ideology, there would not be a totalitarian dictatorship.

NO - not totalitarian totalitarian - YES



* By determining whether the traits are present (red) or not (green) and placing a cross at the determined location between both the rubric eventually offers an insight in the totalitarian character of society. Colour the average colour in the box in the right top corner. Based on: Veldkamp, Eef. (2017)

"Wat is totalitaire dictatuur?" Dissertation. Nijmegen: Radboud University. Which is an analysis of: Arendt, Hannah. (1951). *Totalitarisme*. Translated by R. Peeters en R. De Schutter. Meppel: Uitgeverij Boom. 2014. For more supportive information see this analysis.

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Your result offers a valuable insight in the totalitarian state of the subject you used in this rubric. By filling in this form and sending it to us we hope to in the end offer

a reflection on the totalitarian state of the whole society. Subjects as family of work also contribute to the reflection on society and its social institutions.

Your analysis

What is the subject you used in your analysis? (society, your work or your family)

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How do you feel about the subject you used, apart from the result of this rubric?

Do you have any comments about your analysis?

Personalia

What is your name?

What is your profession?

What is your age?

Contact information

What is your address?

What is your email address?

What is your phone number?

Additional

Do you have any other comments?

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