



Law is useless unless it is generally respected. Economic institutions depend upon respect for the law; consider, for example, what would happen to banking if the average citizen had no objection to forgery. Religious opinion has often proved itself more powerful than the State. If, in any country, a large majority were in favour of Socialism, Capitalism would become unworkable. On such grounds it might be said that opinion is the ultimate power in social affairs. But this would be only a half-truth, since it _____ . Almost every European country has the religion which was that of its government, and this must be attributed mainly to the control of persecution and propaganda by means of the armed forces in the several countries. It is traditional to regard opinion as due to mental causes, but this is only true of the immediate causes: in the background, there is usually force in the service of some creed. [3점]

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- ① supports the utmost importance of law
- ② ignores the forces which cause opinion
- ③ forgets the individuality of each religion
- ④ doesn't regard the innate power of opinion
- ⑤ relates the root of opinion to the support of the state

