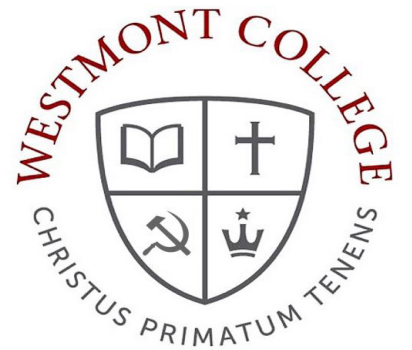


# The Looming Threat of Statism on Westmont's Campus

## Big Brother (In Christ) Always Watching



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Statism. A system where the state centrally controls social and economic spheres, and our ability to make our own sandwiches comes to die. Has Westmont subscribed to this harmful ideology? Has the Institution gone too far in restricting our liberties? We corroborated this statement with the list of evidence below:

### New Dorm

Last spring, Residence Life announced plans to unify the student body by ending the long-standing tradition of *the* freshman-only dorm, Page Hall. To placate the uproar in response to vaporizing a staple cultural institution, Res Life highlighted new plans to build a dorm specifically for students in leadership positions. It seems Administration has simply decided to segregate students by a different type of class. Additionally, their new mandate requires all students to live on campus, further limiting students' ability to avoid their ex-

### Team Maroon vs Team Crimson

Let it be known that Administration is not the only department responsible for rocking campus by pursuing widely unpopular decisions. As we enter into Fall semester, we solemnly remember the could-have-been-tragic two-year anniversary of the Athletic Department's decision to shift from Maroon to Crimson. This devastating hue transition sparked outrage across the globe. Mortified students studying abroad quickly created a coalition lamenting on Twitter under the hashtag #teamaroon. Remnants of this horrific event remain as tour guides lead visiting high school groups cloaked in blinding red polos.

### Spring Sing

Even the Spring Sing committee is guilty of excessive regulation. A few years ago, their decision to ban crossdressing in Spring Sing trampled artists' First Amendment right to freedom of (gender) expression.



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*Sodexo's tyranny is an example of Westmont controlling the means of production.*

Students have since been forced into playing gender neu-trolls and androgynous hobbits. Regardless of intention (and the assumption that women are not funny, which the Capstone cannot comment on at this point), this decision led to the unfortunate and unintentional consequences of bolstering gender roles by gendering clothing and costumes. If followed strictly, no male dorm's skit will pass the Bechdel test.

### Sodexo

Sadly, not even our food is safe from despotism. This year, Sodexo returned with a policy that incited chaos and fury last spring. In some dining stations, servings are now individually dolloped onto each student's plate by a Sodexo employee. Though one might argue students are outraged about being given *too* much privilege, this act threatens students' liberty. French fanboy Tocqueville's *Democracy in America* warned us of the dangers of "administrative despotism;" clearly this threat is alive and well today. Already an institutionally-supported monopoly, Sodexo took a step too far by rescinding students' ability to think and choose for themselves. No longer are people able to choose between the crispy corners and the soft and gooey center of the mac and cheese. Additionally, controlled portions lead to unnecessary food and monetary waste as workers are unable to read minds, which inhibits their ability to accurately determine each student's taste preference and preferred portion sizes.

Though these events are concerning to say the least, not all hope is lost! Eventually, Westmont changed its colors back due to public pressure, and students have been given back their right to feed themselves (except during dinner or if you want a sandwich from 12:00-1:30pm). Theses changes were made possible because of the social activism of a unified student body that rallies behind issues that really matter!

Stay vigilant, students! Big Brother is always watching you through your mandatory open doors!

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## Interactive Section: Word Search

*Different names to use for God when asked to pray during family dinner!*

Y E G L B E E D T U L Z S U B  
T N C K I H C I J A S R V I F  
I A A A R F R O M F I Q G K A  
N R E Q E I E B I A H G T C T  
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## Word Bank

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|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| HOLY ONE     | BIG GUNS UP-   | LORD            |
| HOLY TRINITY | STAIRS         | MAN UPSTAIRS    |
| JESU         | BIG MAN IN THE | MOTHER          |
| JESUS        | SKY            | PRECIOUS ONE    |
| LAMB         | DADDY          | PRINCE OF PEACE |
| LAMB OF GOD  | FATHER         | SHEPHERD        |
| LIFE BRINGER | FATHER GOD     | SPIRIT          |

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