

CHAPTER TWO

Statist Ideology and State Power

“What has always made the state a hell on earth has been precisely that man has tried to make it his heaven.”

F. Holderlein

PURPOSE

This chapter addresses the general convergence upon a socialist form of statism within the modern nation state. While such statist precepts differ by nation the general ideology and underlying philosophies are in general, quite similar, and this will ensure conflict between states within the IPE as they fight over power and resources. Chapter Three will follow on from this concept and outline the main differences between an EU styled statism and that of the more liberal Anglo Saxon nations and why these models will be at odds within the IPE.

In general it can be forwarded that modern statism whilst compatible with globalization and liberal trade will only accept such processes as long as the primary tenets of its existence are not put to risk. Domestic issues, voting pressures, the welfare state, national subsidies, currency and financial control, and prevailing ideological assumptions about egalitarianism, impose limitations on globalization and regionalism. Available evidence indicates that national ideology