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Disturbing Facts -

1. Michigan Survey
2. Lack of participation in voting.
3. Mass voting - failure to analyze
4. Reliance on what Govt can do.

A govt big enough to give anything

Encouraging Facts -

1. Interview with Dutch immigrant  
non-materialistic approach.
2. Congressional Action  
National Day of Prayer - Apr 17, 1952  
Pledge of Allegiance - "under God"  
Prayer + Meditation Room  
Paper Money.

3. Medical Progress -  
National Institutes

4. Military Strength  
Nautilus -  
Missiles -

5. Capitalism vs Communism  
Farmers -  
Workers -  
Consumers -

Hobbes Utopia - Footprints -

