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FALSE CONSCIOUSNESS AND UTOPIA

- To contrast **ideology**, a state of mind is **utopian** when it is **incongruous** with the state of reality and tends to shatter the **status quo** (Remember that utopia literally means 'nowhere.')
- These are ideals that are set, but never reached given the situational reality of a society.
- The American concept that all are created equal is a good example: Jefferson wrote that in the Declaration, but women and people of color — and, for a long time, even white men without property — were legally excluded from that provision.

