Should governments make decisions about people's lifestyle or should they make their own decisions?

As a government has responsibility towards its citizens, some argue it also has the right to control them; many, however, question such involvement as far as personal preferences are concerned. I, too, take the issue with the unwelcome intrusion of the government into people's lifestyle.

Selecting the way of life is indeed a private matter and government involving in that could bring serious repercussions. Although members of a community may share many of the same interests, their tastes probably vary since they belong to different generations and subcultures. These differences, whether distinct or sublet, could form their choices in their lives. From appearance such as the type of outfit, they prefer, to the food they cater can demonstrate their identity. Consequently, restricting this range of choice, albeit bringing unity, can mean the loss of individuality. In extreme cases, in which the government pull the strings behind the creation or eradication of lifestyles, it is highly likely for a community to lose its diversity or even creativity.

On a more societal scale, to dictate people what they should favor can be regarded as infringing their basic rights. Deprived from of these, by either statutory obligations or in the name of the law, residents tend to feel repressed and may develop a sense of intense hatred towards their own governments, and this, as a result, leads to a society where citizens struggle to enjoy their lives. They will consider themselves worthless, removable units rather than pillars of the community. Such an Orwellian level of government involvement will picture nothing but a hopeless future.

In conclusion, the determination of people's lifestyles by the government will bring adverse effects on both individual and societal levels, although some argue it would create a more united society.