



# Plato's Republic: The Ideal State

A framework for understanding political justice

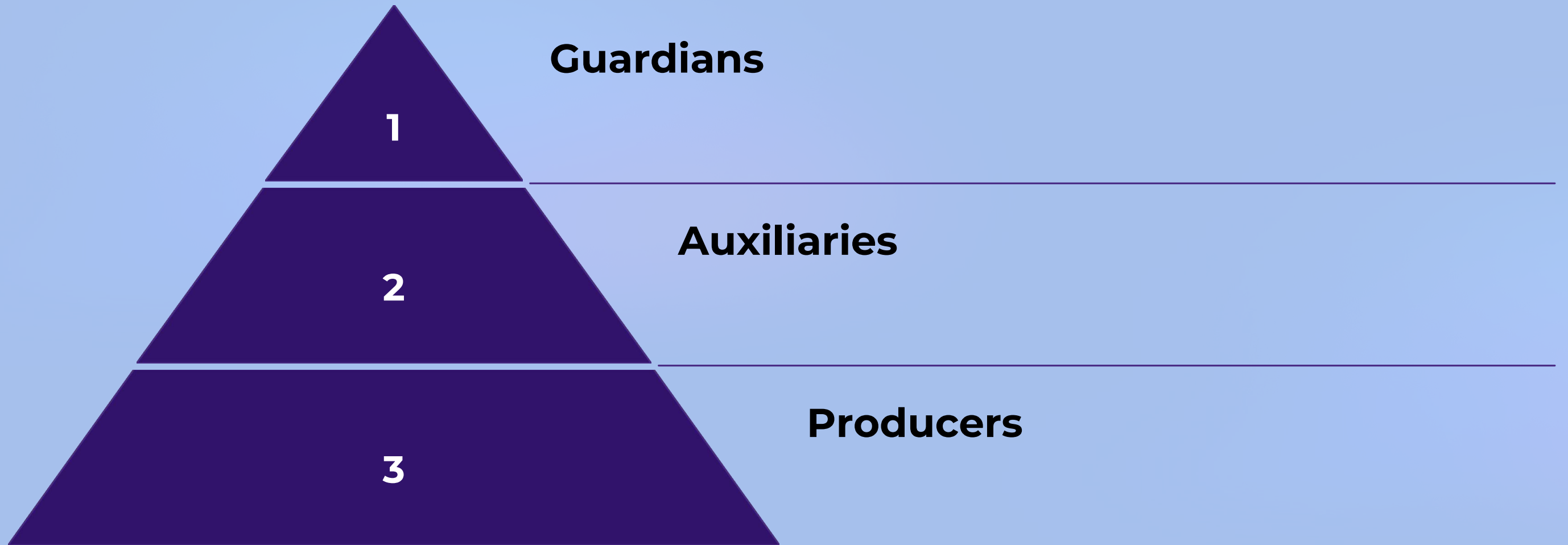


**"The State is Man Writ Large"**

**Society as reflection of human nature**

**Individual insufficiency necessitates the state**

# Natural Division of Labour







# Political Justice

Harmony through natural roles

Each person does one task suited to nature



## Guiding Principles



Harmony



Non-interference



Ethics-Politics Continuity





## **Critiques of Plato's Model**

**Arbitrary class classification**

**Negligence of freedom of choice**

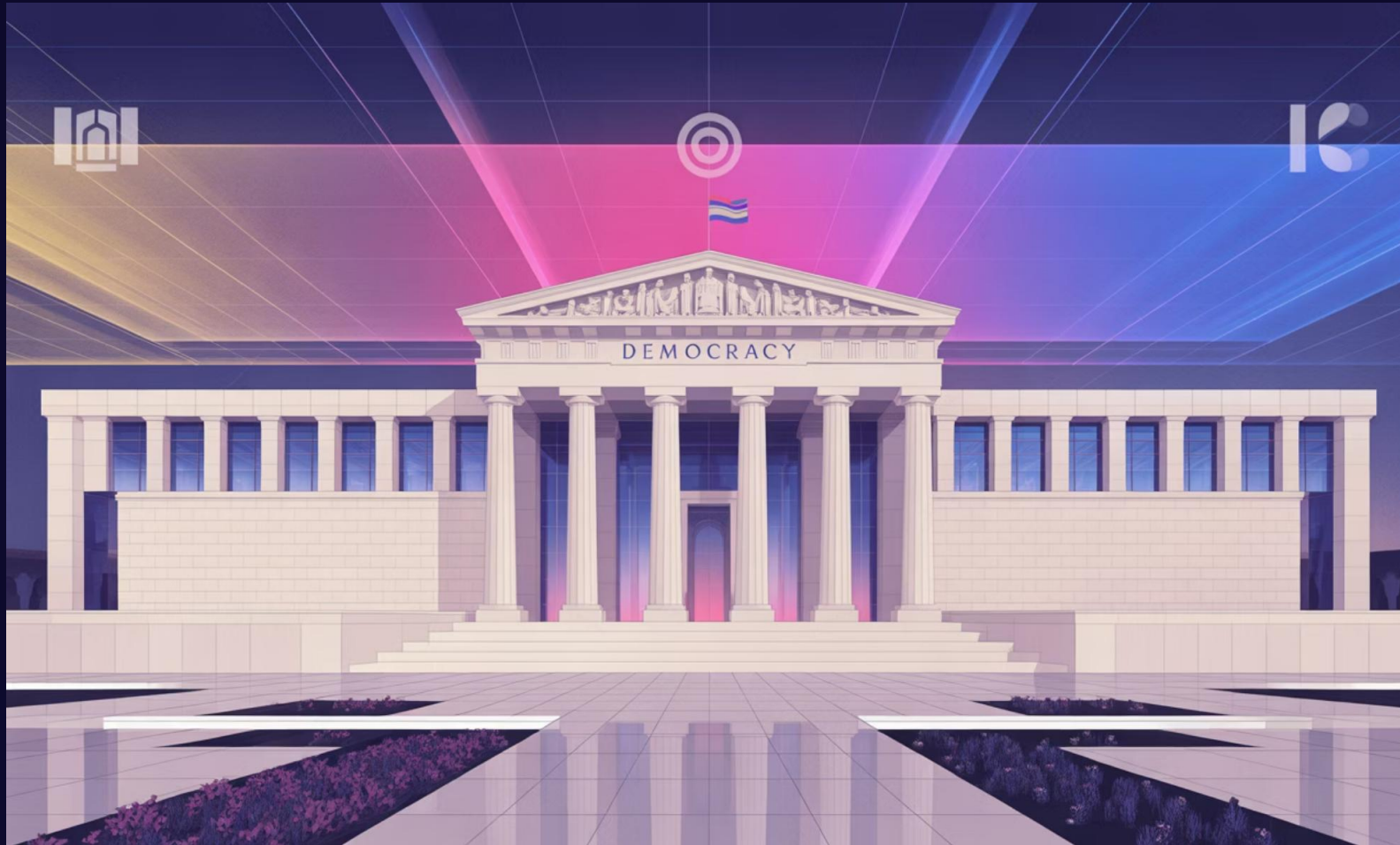
**Sacrifice of individual liberty**





# Freedom vs. Harmony

Does collective harmony justify  
limitation of individual freedom?



## **Modern Relevance**

**Meritocracy vs. equality**

**Expertise in governance**

**Role of truth in political discourse**





## Final Reflections

Plato's enduring political legacy:

Ideal governance, justice, and the  
relationship between individual and state