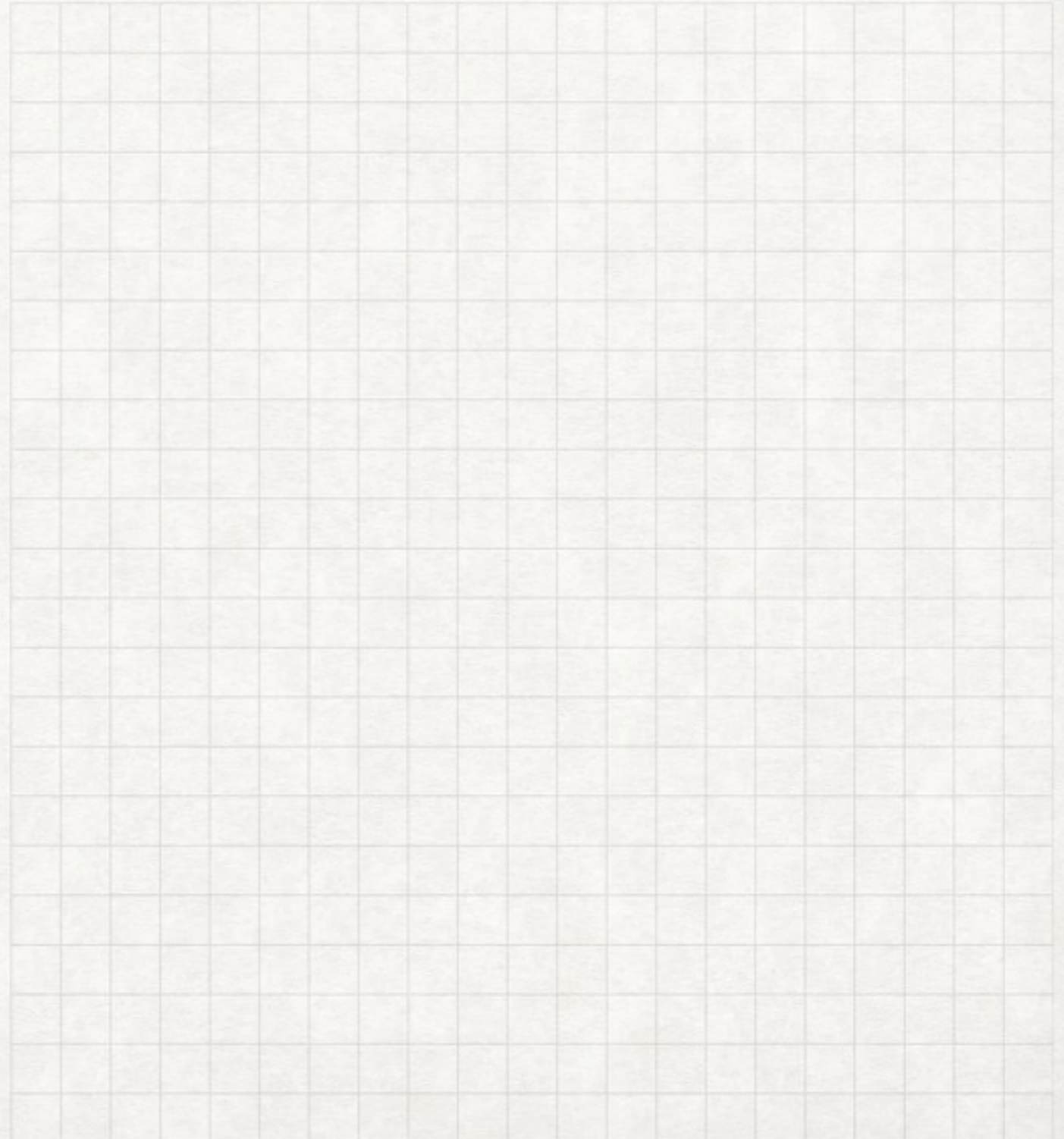


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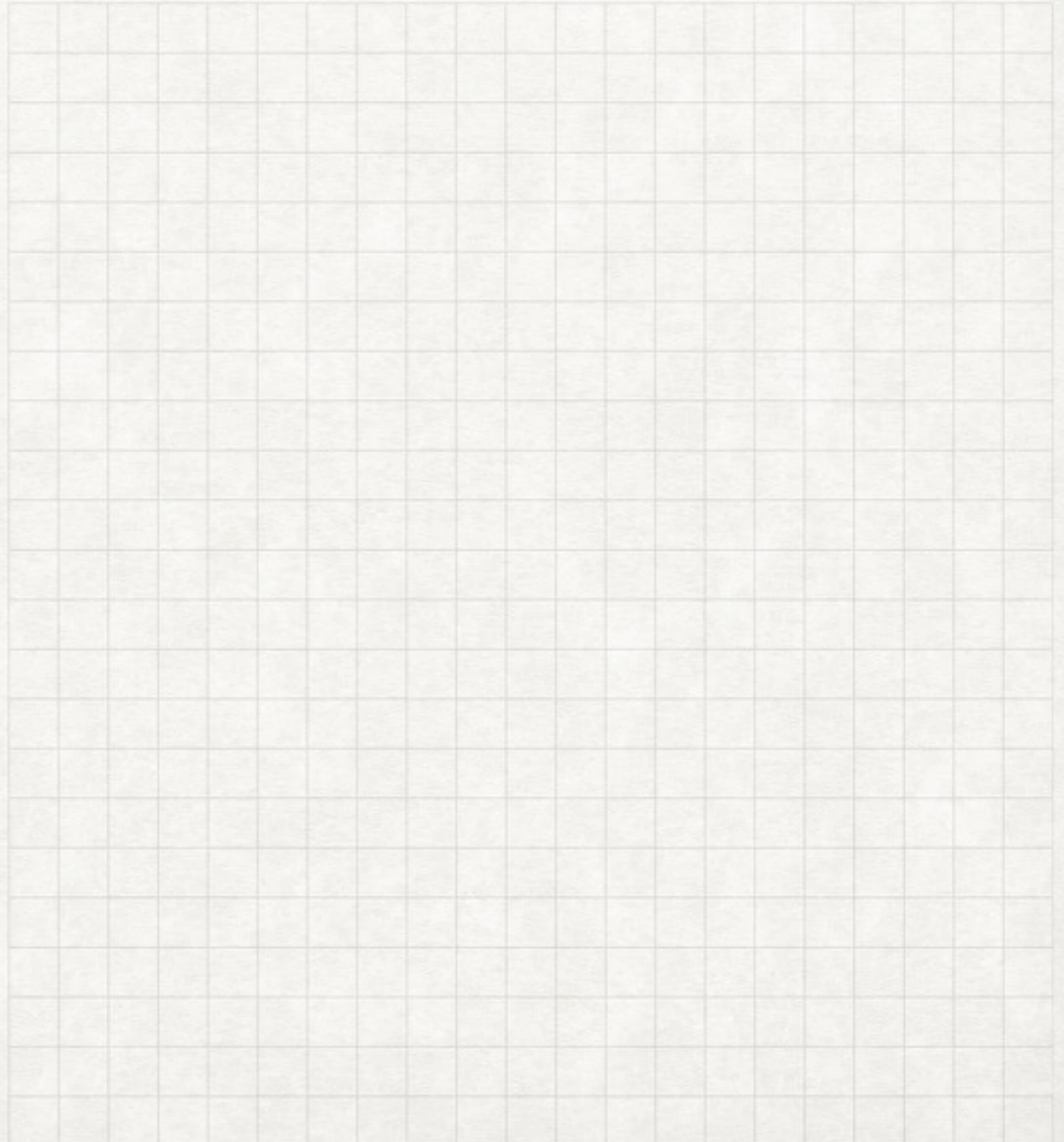
ANARCHISM

- Everyday speech
- Philosophical anarchism
- The state is NOT morally justified
 - Could be practically justified
 - Anarchist could like government
- Is there a moral obligation to obey the law?
- Could be a practical justification to obey the law



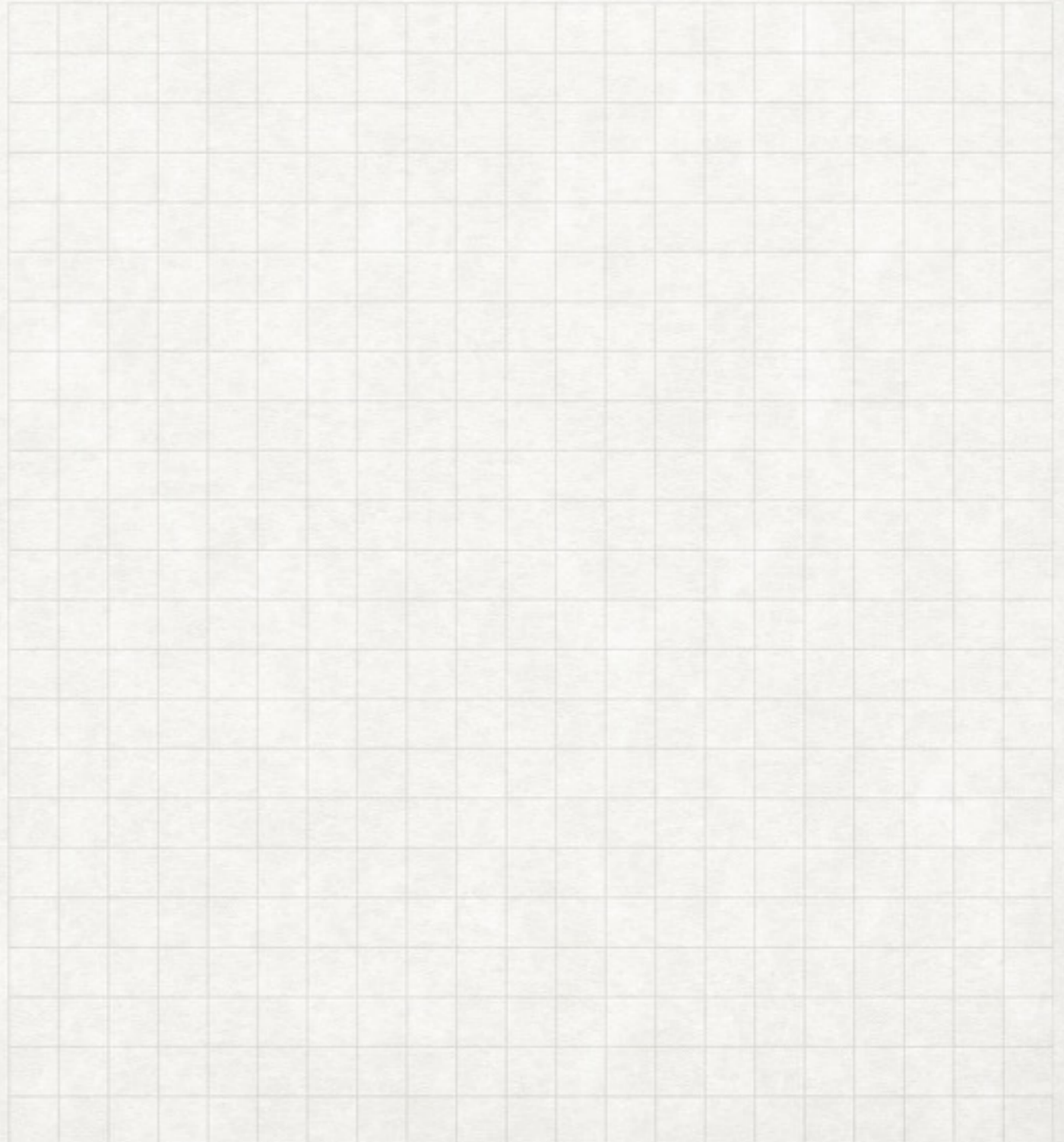
THE ANARCHIST'S STRATEGY

- Positive argument
- Analogy with epistemological skepticism
 - Unreliability of the senses
 - Dream hypothesis
 - Evil genius
- Shoot down proposed defenses of the justification of the state



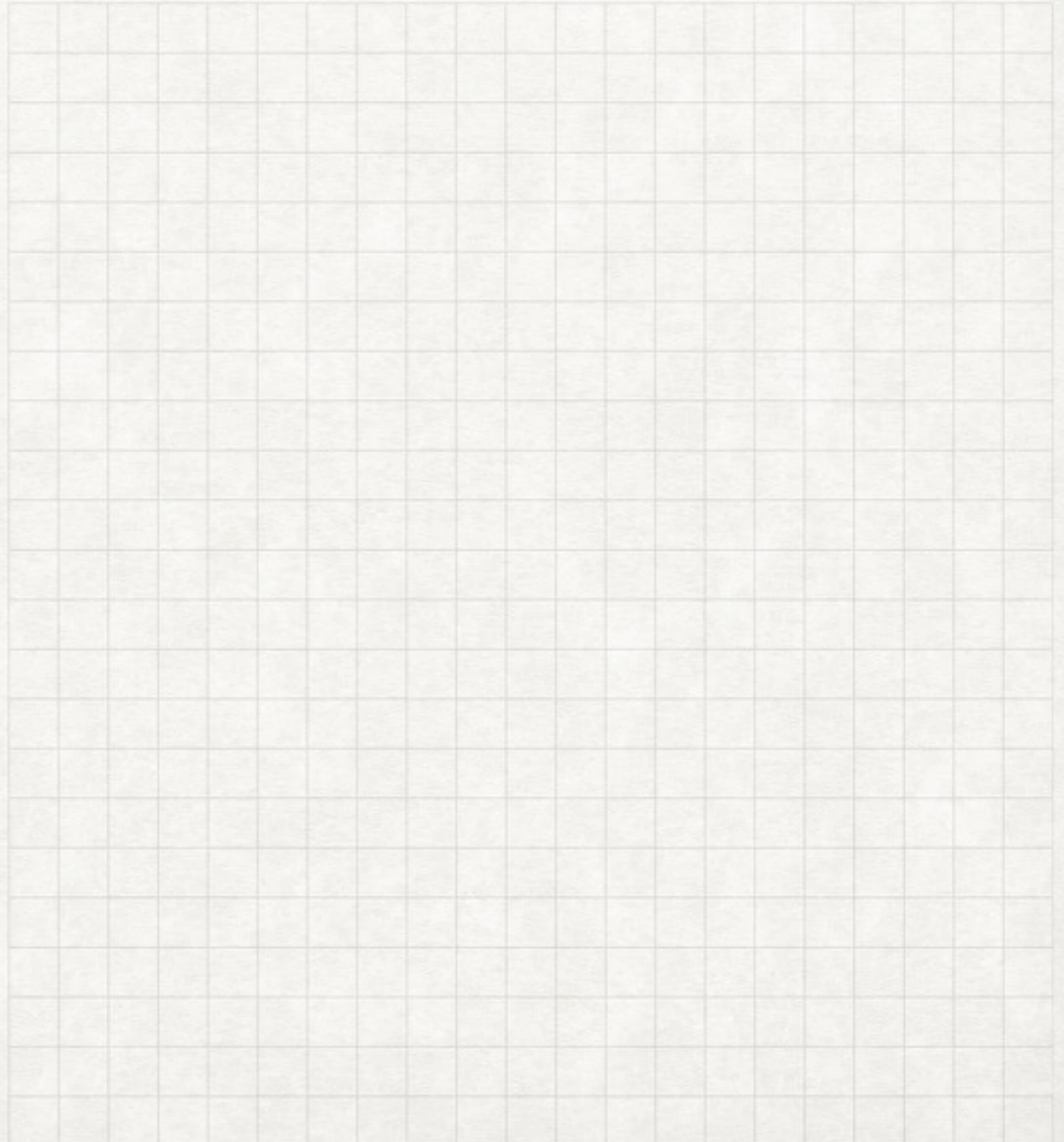
THE CRITO ARGUMENT

- Plato's dialogues
- Socrates
- The trial of Socrates
- Offer to escape
- Socrates's argument against escaping
 - Would harm the state
 - State has given him many good things
 - Never chose to leave
- Must accept an unjust sentence
- Must obey the laws of the state
- Obedience is derived from advantages and consent



THE ANARCHIST'S REBUTTAL

- Would it really hurt the state?
- Could Socrates realistically have left the state?
- Could anyone?
- So what?
 - Harm might be true
 - Consent by staying?
 - Lots of advantages
- How does the establish moral legitimacy?



THE CONSENT ARGUMENT

- Agreeing to live under government and take advantage of the good things government provides
- Does this constitute consent to the legitimacy of government?
- The social contract

