

Liberal and Conservative

Traditional ideological spectrum

OLD SCHOOL POLITICAL SPECTRUM



Left/Liberal

Right/Conservative

Also: **Populism**: anti-establishment/anti-elite?

Libertarianism: less gov't everywhere

NEW APPROACH is a MULTIDIMENSIONAL GRID (horizontal and vertical scales offer more options)

Liberal	Conservative
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gov't role is to ensure all have the opportunity to develop their abilities and skills• Gov't can fix social and economic problems• Change = reform Improve society for equality/justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conserve what exists, valuable institutions and morals• Getting people to work together is HARD → order is valuable• Realists in human nature• Inequalities exist → hierarchies -->order• Change with limited government

Socialism - Communism (economic systems?)

- Humans engage in cooperative social activity when given a chance
- Some have created structures of control to exercise power over others
- Focus on human exploitation of others
- Limitation, if not a complete abolition of private property
- Democratic socialism, "Socialism-lite" more modern and contemporary

Fascism

- State over citizen/individual
- Racial/national/ethnic superiority
- Emotions motivate people, not reason (!!!) FEAR
- Survival a struggle, warfare a natural state of states
- Discipline
- Nationalization of industry= national socialism (Nazi)

Religious fundamentalism

- All have: 1) sacred texts, 2) we/them cosmic struggle
- Inherently conservative
- Popular movements extend access to sacred text interpretation
- Practical, mixing ritual/custom
- View politics as secular + religious policy

NOT AN IDEOLOGY: Ethnic Nationalism

Many, many, many polities, subnationalism

No commonalities: identity, not belief