

POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES

The Ideas that Unite and Divide Us...



What is an Ideology?

***Consistent and Integrated system of beliefs**

They Tell Us 2 Things:

1. Who Should Govern:



Vs.



2. What goals they should pursue:



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MARXISM-Leninism	Socialism	Liberalism	Conservatism	Libertarianism
Central control of economy and political system.	Active government control of major economic sectors.	Positive government action in economy and to achieve social goals.	Positive government action to support capitalism; action to uphold certain values.	Government action only for defense; almost no regulation of economy or individual behavior.

What Goals Should the Government Pursue?

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Total equality and security; unity and solidarity.	Economic equality; community.	Political liberty; economic security; equal opportunity.	Political liberty; economic liberty; order.	Total political and economic liberty for individuals.

Marxism-Leninism is a political philosophy that emphasizes that the common person is being oppressed by elites so that the instruments of the state need to be grasped from this self-serving elite and used for the benefit and advancement of the people as a whole.

How do we get these Views?

Political Socialization: How we get our political beliefs

How do we get our Political Beliefs? 1 minute Discussion with person next to you...

1. **Family**- Most H.S. Seniors indentify with same party as parents
2. **School**- The more education Americans have the more likely
3. **Religion**- Shapes whether or not we are Liberal or Conservative
4. **Peers**- As we age we are influenced by friends/co-workers
5. **Gender/Ethnicity**- Men more likely to be Republican, Black more likely to vote for Democrats
6. **Media**- News plays a huge role in what we believe.

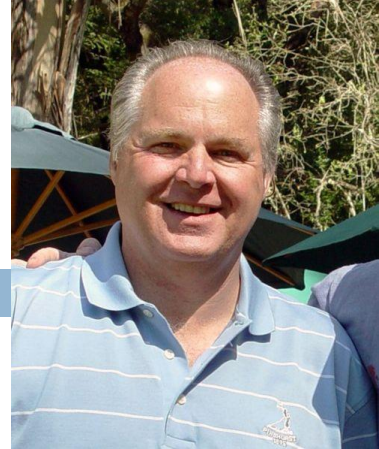
Conservatives

Beliefs of Conservatives:

1. Slow to Advocate for Change
 - Reluctance to accept it
2. Distrust Gov't action except in national defense
 - Private industry can do it better
3. Traditional Social Values
 - Religious values are key
4. Maintain Social Order
 - Law and order are maintained



◆ **Conservatives tend to see human nature pessimistically**



Liberals

1. Change is Good

Change=Progress

2. Expand individual rights and freedoms

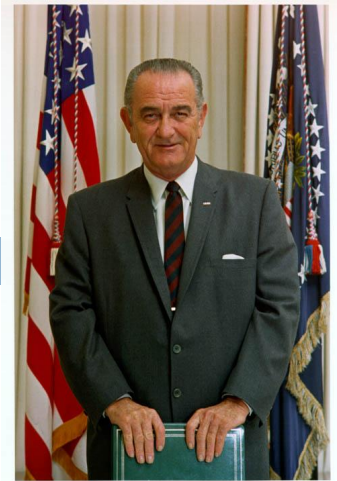
Create equality and protection of minorities

3. Look for new ways to solve social problems

Environmental Protection,
Gun Control



Liberals view people as generally being good in nature



It's the Economy Stupid...

Conservative

- Gov't can't handle economic matters
- Gov't shouldn't regulate economy
- Low Taxes
- Smaller Gov't Budget/less programs

Liberal

- Gov't should regulate business
- Fix economy in bad times
- More willing to tax to fund gov't programs

Splitting up the Views (4)



1. **Social Liberal**- Freedom to make individual moral choices, regulate (-)'s of change
2. **Social Conservative**- pass laws to promote moral code (religious right)
3. **Economic Liberal**- Want government to work to make life equal for Americans
4. **Economic Conservative**- Gov't should cut taxes and stay out of economy

Which Ideology are they:



1. Wealthy
2. Union Worker
3. Small Business Owner
4. African American
5. Religious Fundamentalist
6. Environmentalist