

Political Ideologies

Theory & History

Books

- **Andrew Heywood**, *Political Ideologies: An Introduction*. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012, 5th edition or above.
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Ideology

- Ideology as “false consciousness”
- Ideology as “world view”

Ideology

- Ideology – a political belief system
- Ideology – an action-oriented set of political ideas
- Ideology – the world view of a particular social class or social group
- Ideology – ideas that propagate false consciousness among the exploited or oppressed
- Ideology - an all-embracing political doctrine that claims a monopoly of truth
- Ideology – an abstract and highly systematic set of political ideas

Ideology

- **Features of Ideology**
- (a) Critique of existing order
- (b) Vision of future society
- (c) Theory of political change

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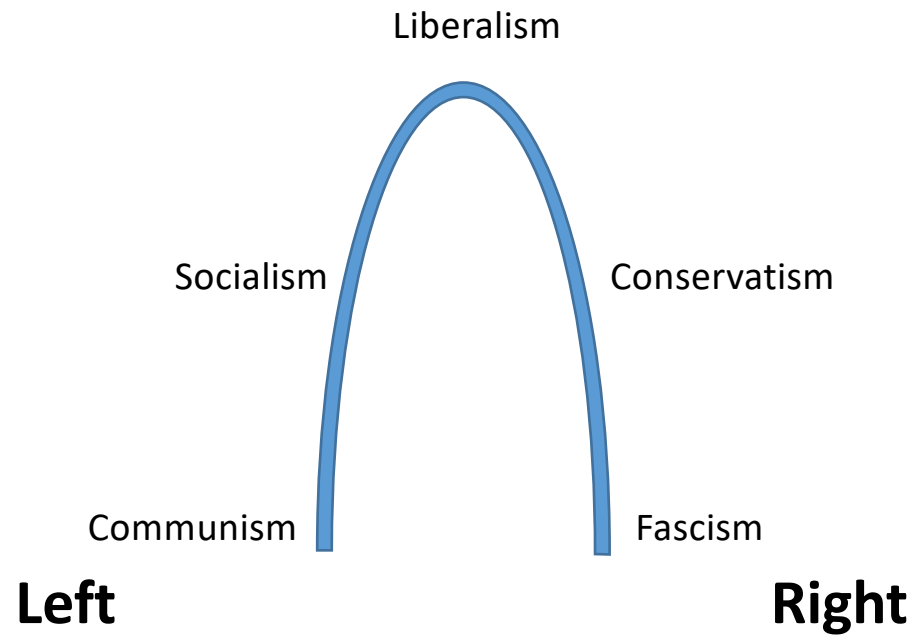
- **Linear Model**

Left ----- **Right**

Communism Socialism Liberalism Conservatism Fascism

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- **Horseshoe Model**



Overview (Political Ideologies)

- Freedom
- Democracy
- Human Nature
- Society
- Equality
- Economy

Overview (Political Ideologies)

- The State
- The Nation
- Authority
- Gender
- Environment
- Nature
- Religion
- Culture

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- **Classical Ideologies**

- Liberalism
- Socialism
- Conservatism
- Nationalism
- Anarchism
- Fascism

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- **New Ideologies**

- Feminism

- Ecologism

- Fundamentalism

- Multiculturalism

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- **Human Nature**

- ***Liberals***: Rational, after individual interests, optimistic view of human nature
- ***Conservatives***: Security seeking creatures, human rationality cannot be trusted, commonsense and reason that comes from tradition is important, pessimistic view of human nature
- ***Socialists***: Social creatures, cooperation, peaceful co-existence and equality are important, humans can do better in terms of living together

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- **Human Nature**

- ***Anarchists:*** Humans can be fully trusted. Highly optimistic view of human nature, they are capable of cooperation and individual self fulfilment.
- ***Fascists:*** Humans are governed by inner forces, instincts, impulses. They behave as part of a historic collectivity, 'nation' or 'race'. These natural or racial divisions are eternal, not possible to change and determining.

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- **Human Nature**

- ***Feminists:*** Men and women share a common nature as humans, but things change when culture and society enters. Gender differences are determining and detrimental for inequality between the sexes.
- ***Ecologists:*** Human nature seen as part of the broad ecosystem. Materialism, greed & egoism therefore reflect the extent to which humans have become alienated from the oneness of life and thus from their own true nature. Human fulfilment requires a return to nature.

Next Week

- next week, **liberalism**