

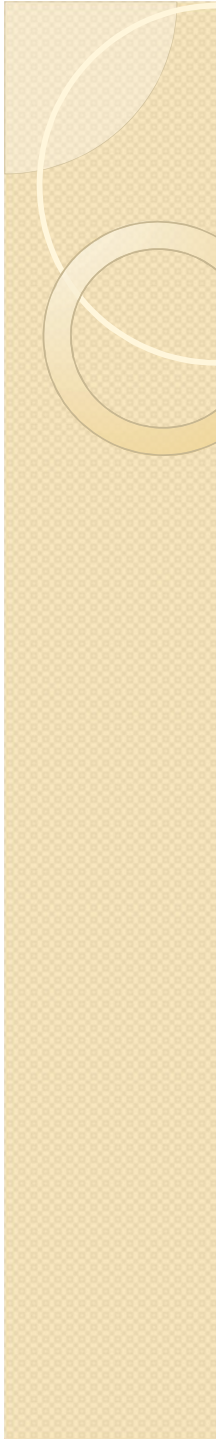


# **Contemporary Political Ideologies**

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# **Course Book**

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# ***Concept***

- **What is A Concept?**

A concept is a general idea about something.

- **The value of Concepts**

- Concept formation is an essential step in the process of reasoning.
- Concepts are the tools...

# ***Political Ideology***

- **The Concept of Political Ideology**

- A new science of ideas.
- Set of ideas that provide the basis for some kind of organised political action.

- **Features of Political Ideology**

suggest an explanation or critique of the existing order, usually in the form of a 'world view'.

- **Other meanings of P. Ideology**

A political belief system.

- **Functions of P. Ideology**

To shape political systems.

# ***Liberalism***

- **Introduction**

- The term liberal has been in use since the 14th century.
- The Latin liber referred to a class of free men.
- By the 1840s, the term was widely known throughout Europe as a reference to a distinctive set of political ideas.

- **Origins & Development of Liberalism**

- was a product of the breakdown of feudalism in Europe.
- challenged the absolute power of the monarchy.
- support an industrialized & market economic order free from government interference.

# ***Liberalism***

- **The central subject of Liberalism**

- The primacy of the individual.

- Liberal ideology is the desire to construct a society in which people can satisfy their interests and achieve fulfilment.

- **Set of Values and Beliefs**

- **individualism** is the belief in the supreme importance of the individual.

- **freedom** leads naturally to a commitment to individual freedom.

- **justice** equality.

- **toleration** cultural and political diversity.

# ***Green Ideology***

- **Introduction**

- green philosophy, green politics and green ideology (sometimes called 'ecologism', 'political ecology' or 'greenism')
- nature is an interconnected whole.
- environmentally-orientated politics

- **Origins & Development**

- Green ideology was a reaction against the process of industrialization.
- From the 1980s onwards, environmental questions have been kept high on the political agenda.

# ***Green Ideology***

- **Core themes: return to nature**

- commit mistake of believing that humans are the centrepiece of existence.

1. **Ecology** relationship between living organisms and the environment.

1. **Holism** whole is more important than its parts.

2. **Sustainability** to maintain its health and continue.

3. **environmental ethics** spreading moral thinking in a number of new directions.





# ***Green Ideology***

- **Green Ideology in a Global Age**  
Global issue

# ***Multiculturalism***

- **Origins and development**

1900

the black consciousness movement of the 1960s

## **Core themes: diversity within unity**

1. **politics of recognition** minority cultural groups are disadvantaged in relation to majority groups.
2. **culture and identity** culture is basic to political and social identity.
3. **minority rights** willingness & desire to recognize minority rights
4. **Diversity** people can have multiple identities and multiple loyalties



## ***Fascism***

- subject of fascism is the idea of an unified national community
- The individual is nothing
- **Origins and development**
  - emerged very much as a revolt against modernity
  - Believe, Obey, Fight

# ***Fascism***

- **Core themes: strength through unity**
- ∞ **anti-rationalism** as anti-rationalism & the growth of anti-Enlightenment thinking.
- ∞ **Struggle** human existence is based on competition or struggle
- ∞ **leadership and elitism**
- ∞ **Socialism** Fascism & Socialism
- ∞ **Ultranationalism** extreme version of nationalism



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