



TALKING
POLITICS

Welcome to
Politics!

Conservatives



Are

Neat

Freaks

LIBERALS



ARE

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How do people think?

L/O:

- To examine the different ways that people think about political issues.
- To apply this to a real-life situation.

An illustration on a pink background showing a woman's face in profile. She has black hair and a pink speech bubble. The text 'YOU'RE EITHER A FEMINIST OR YOU'RE A SEXIST.' is inside the speech bubble.

YOU'RE EITHER A FEMINIST
OR YOU'RE A SEXIST.

SOCIALISM

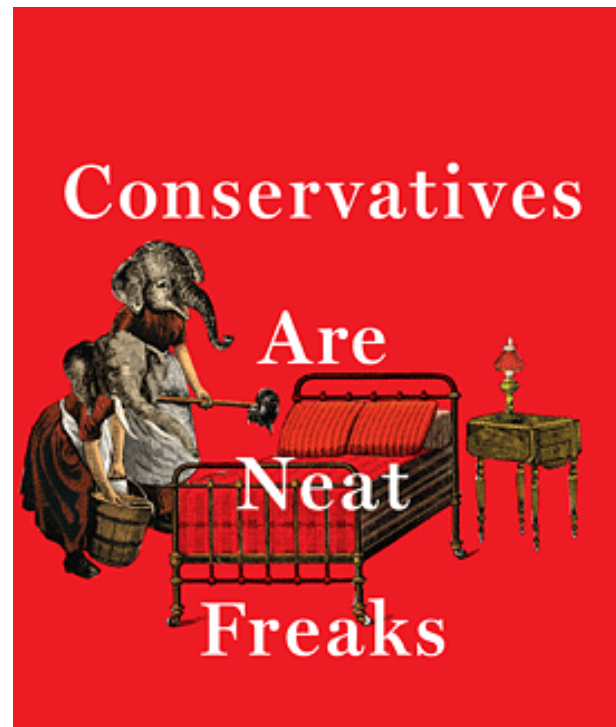


Spreading the Wealth
since 1917

Political ideas

- Understanding the core values and ideas of an ideology.
- Exploring key debates about different political ideas.
- Analysing the foci of different political thinkers.

- Core ideologies:
 - Liberalism
 - Conservatism
 - Socialism
 - Feminism (non-core)



The Political Spectrum

Left Wing

Right Wing

Conservatism

Liberalism

Socialism

Feminism

Fascism

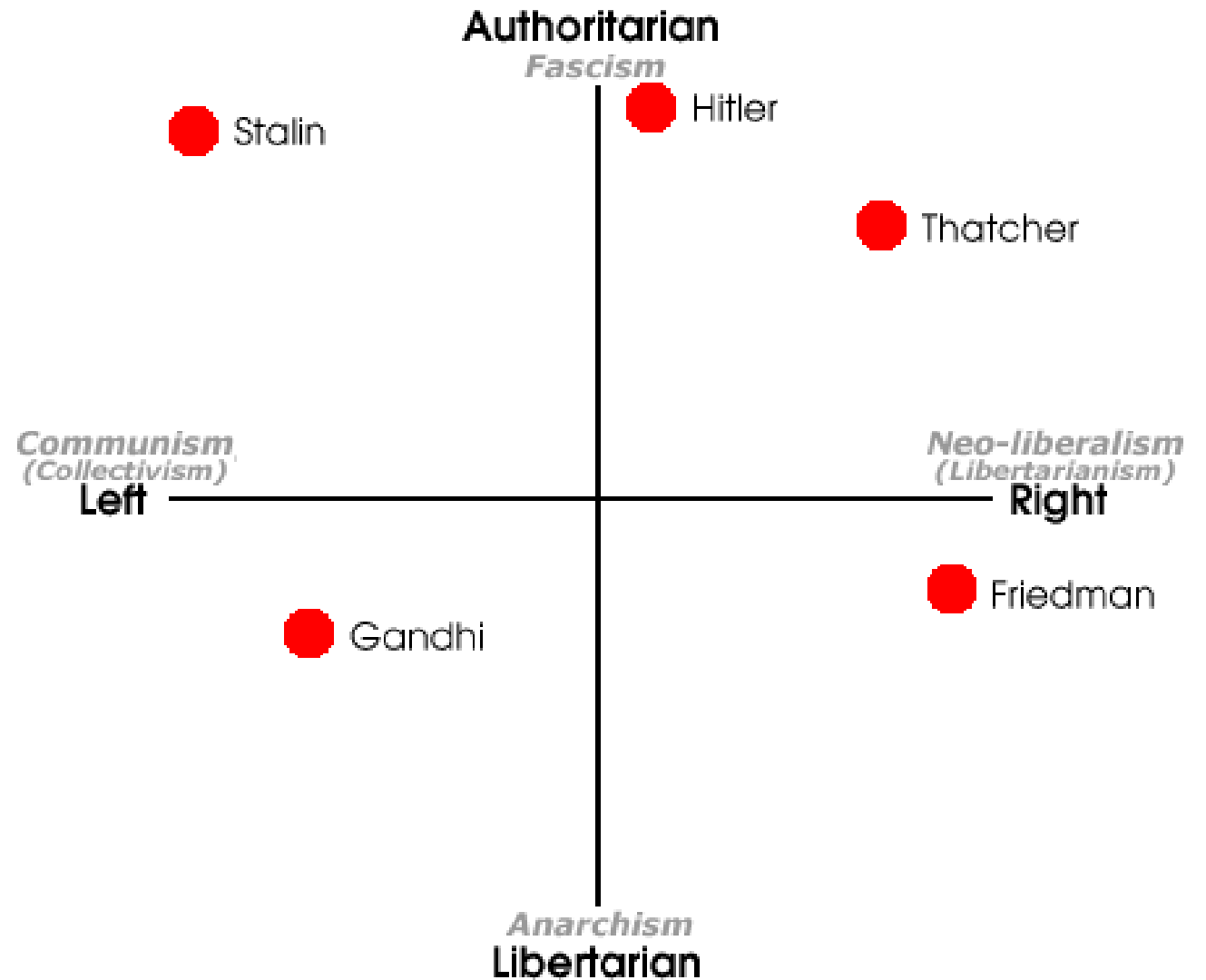
Communism

Political philosophy today...

- Traditionally, the left-right political compass is essentially a line that shows economic positions. In this way:
 - Stalin/Mao/Pol Pot are all hard left (totally controlled economy).
 - Gandhi/Mugabe are all less extreme left.
 - Thatcher would be well on the right.
 - General Pinochet would be on the furthest right (ultimate free markets).
- BUT it ignores the social dimension of the political spectrum and makes assumptions that authoritarian leaders are 'right wing'.
- AND it ignores the fact that most ordinary people slide between different ideologies on different issues.

A different
perspective...

<https://www.politicalcompass.org/test>



What influences voting behaviour in elections?

L/O:

- To understand the key features of UK general elections.
- To examine the voting behaviour of the 2019 election and understand the reasoning behind people's decisions.



Who would you vote for?

Which of these leaders would you vote for in the next General Election if you were 18 years of age...



Kemi Badenoch
(Conservatives)



Andy Burnham
(TBC) (Labour)



Ed Davey (Liberal
Democrats)

- The answer, I am afraid, is none.
- Unlike the USA, where the President is directly elected, in the UK we have a parliamentary system.
- Rather than voting for the PM, the PM is chosen from the party that wins the General Election.



The Importance of Political Parties

- In our political system, parties are very important. This is particularly the case when it comes to General Elections.
- It is very unusual for someone to be elected who isn't standing for a political party (an independent).
- 6 out of 250 MPs are independent currently – this is unusual. Up until 2024, there were no independent MPs.

At a General Election, parties put forward a series of promises of the things they will do if they are elected into Government. This is called a Manifesto.

On the post-it note in front of you, note down the Political Party that you think you would be most likely to support at the next General Election.

Why have you put this party?