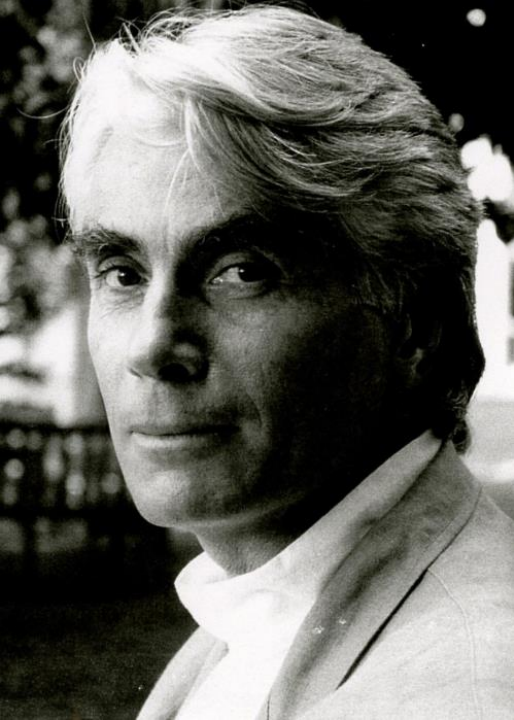
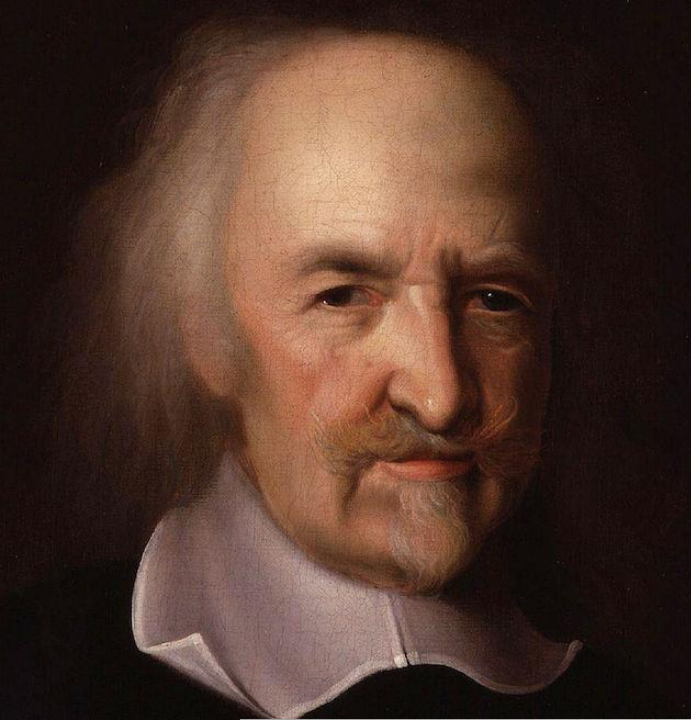


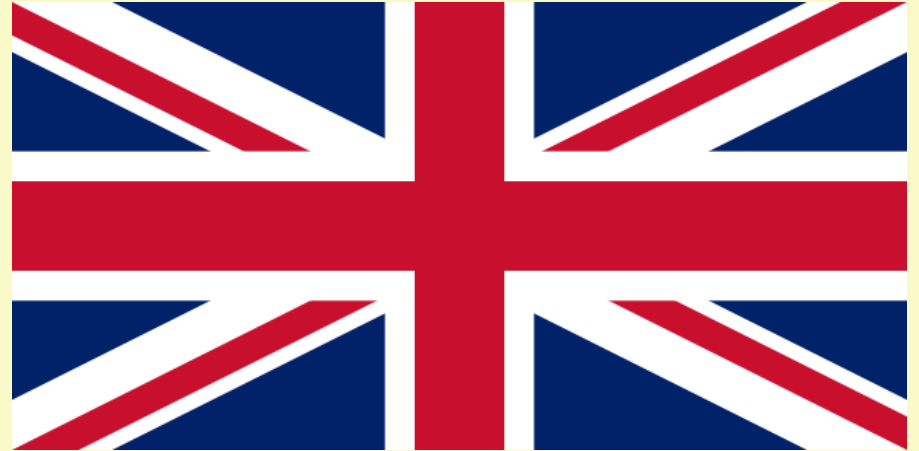
Conservatism



• **Thomas Hobbes**
(1588–1679)

• **Edmund Burke**
(1729–1797)

• **Michael Oakeshott**
(1901–1990)



• **Ayn Rand**
(1905–1982)

• **Robert Nozick**
(1938–2002)



Why the name 'conservative'?

tradition

authority

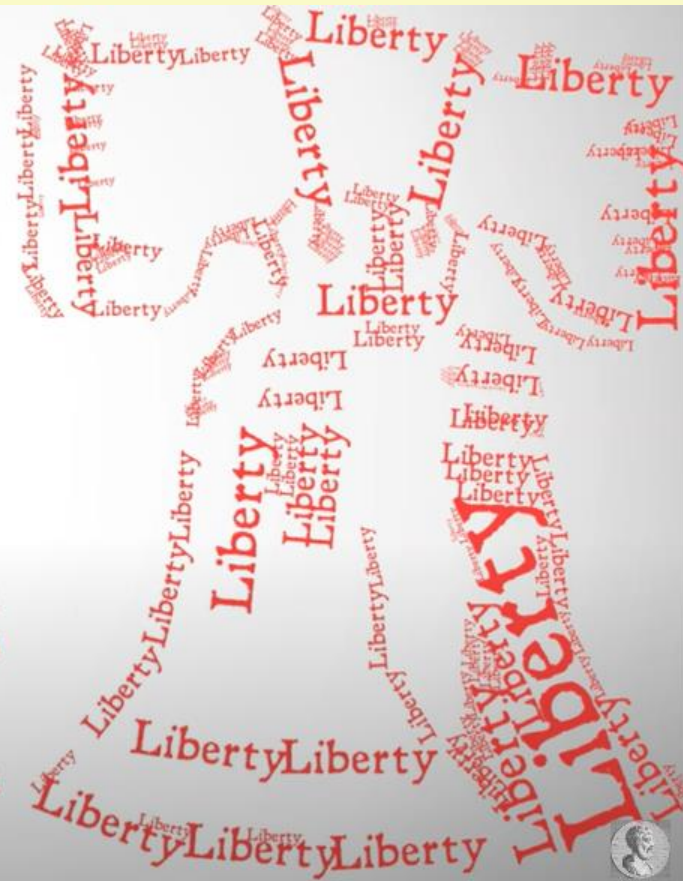




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OBJECTIONS

There are a range of objections that have been raised to conservatism by liberals, socialists, and others. One might argue that, as an empirical fact, different levels of social hierarchies are less accessible than conservatives claim. That, in many societies, the status of your parents determines your status, that people are not able to actually move out of the caste they were born into. For some societies this is written into law. For others it is merely an empirical fact. Such a concern might give us reason to think that hierarchies where some have ill-gotten gains while others are forced into servitude for no reason than the parents they were born to are immoral and that conservatism is merely a fool's philosophy designed to keep the poor subservient.



**Summarise (a) the key concepts and
(b) objections to conservatism**

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**What do you
remember
about
conservatism?**

**What is the thrust of
conservatism?**

**It has
endured in
the UK since
about 1792**



CONSERVATIONISM

Javier Jaén

**It is also widely
misunderstood**

**It is not
reactionary**

**not resistant to
change**

**not concerned
to restore what
has been lost**





Reactionary politics

**is viewed as futile
and
counterproductive**

**conservatism is
concerned with
gradual,
incremental
reform**

**reform is
necessary to
conserve what's
valuable**



A State without the means of
some change is without the
means of its conservation.

~ Edmund Burke

AZ QUOTES

**change to
conserve**

**to preserve that
which is valuable**

**evolution not
revolution**

**analogy with
old buildings**

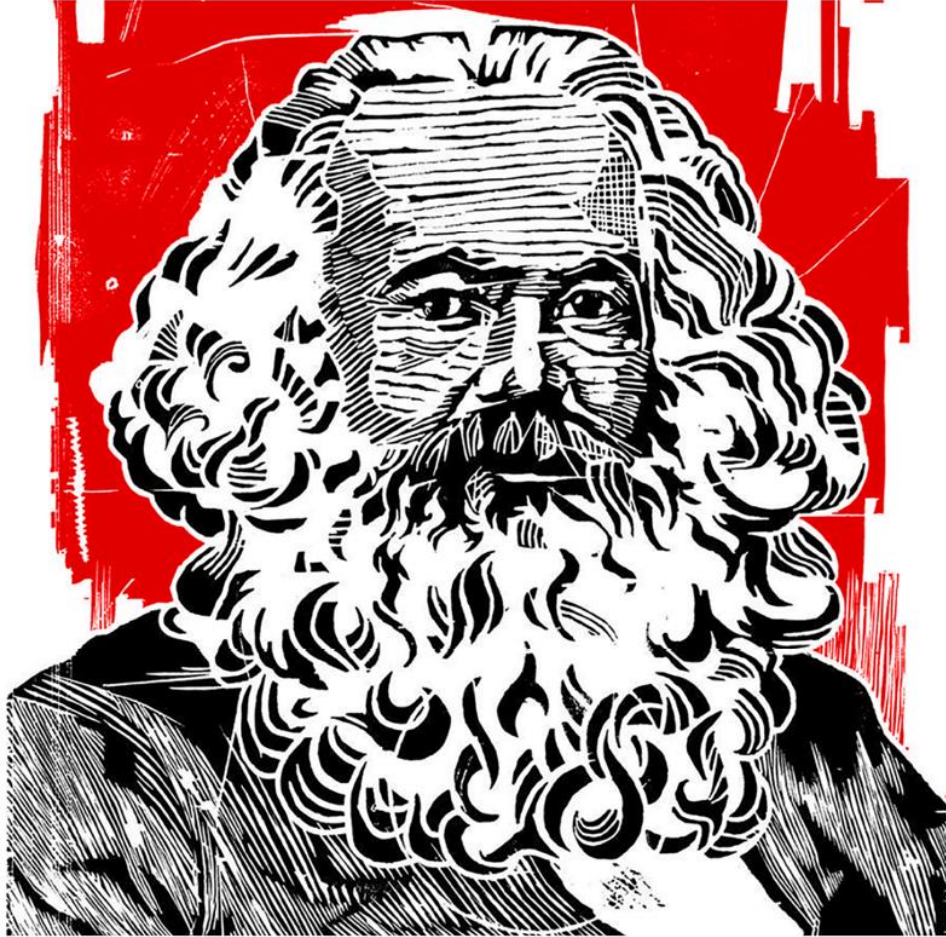


**If you are inert
and don't act**

**The building falls
into ruins**



WHAT IS MARXISM?



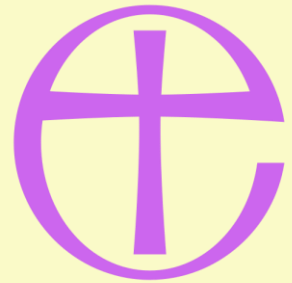
Unlike Marxists,
conservatives do
not espouse
destruction, but
conservation

FIND OUT AT YOUR LOCAL MARXIST SOCIETY!

MARXIST ★
STUDENT
FEDERATION

BIRMINGHAM ★ CAMBRIDGE ★ CARDIFF ★ DURHAM
EDINBURGH ★ GLASGOW ★ GOLDSMITHS ★ KCL ★ KENT
LEEDS ★ LEICESTER ★ LIVERPOOL ★ LSE
MANCHESTER ★ NEWCASTLE ★ NOTTINGHAM ★ OXFORD
PORTSMOUTH ★ QUEEN MARY ★ SHEFFIELD ★ SOAS
SOUTHAMPTON ★ SUSSEX ★ SWANSEA ★ UCL ★ UEA
WARWICK

**What must be
conserved?**



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



parliament







**Explain the
concept of change
in conservatism**



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This article argues for the importance of considering ideology in any analysis of major political judgements. Through an exploration of British Conservative Prime Minister David Cameron's judgement – an actor sometimes referred to as a pragmatist – the article shows that to understand why a referendum was held on Britain's membership of the EU, we must consider Cameron's ideology. His interpretation of conservatism showed an affinity with 'reform to conserve' – an idea that functions like a metaphor within British Conservative traditions for interpreting a core political concept within conservatism: that of managing what Freedman has called the 'problem of change'. In setting out Cameron's beliefs, and his

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**Note that the Tories
are not necessarily
conservative**

ideological eclecticism

**Can you think of
any current
government
policies that are
liberal or
socialist?**



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**When did
conservatism
begin?**



**as a response to
the Enlightenment**



**And as a response to
the revolutions it
spawned**

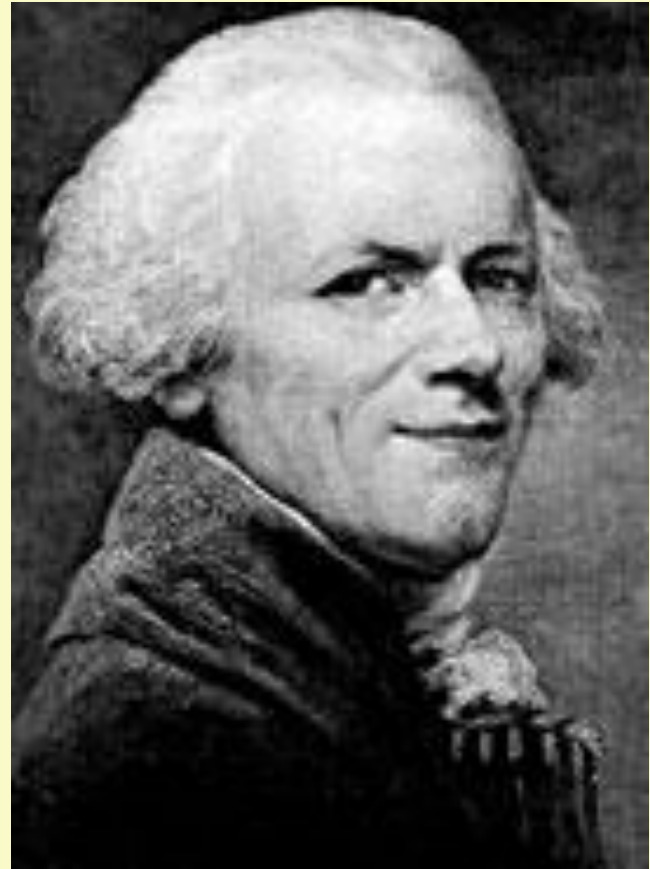
Glorious
Revolution
(1689)



American
Revolution
(1765-1791)

French
Revolution
(1789-1799)

The Terror (1792)



During the Reign of Terror, at least 300,000 suspects were arrested; 17,000 were officially executed, and perhaps 10,000 died in prison or without trial.