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Liberalism

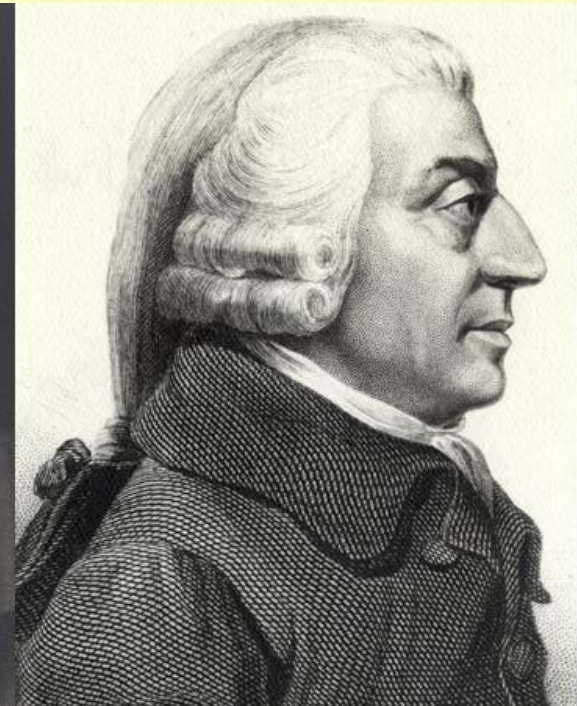
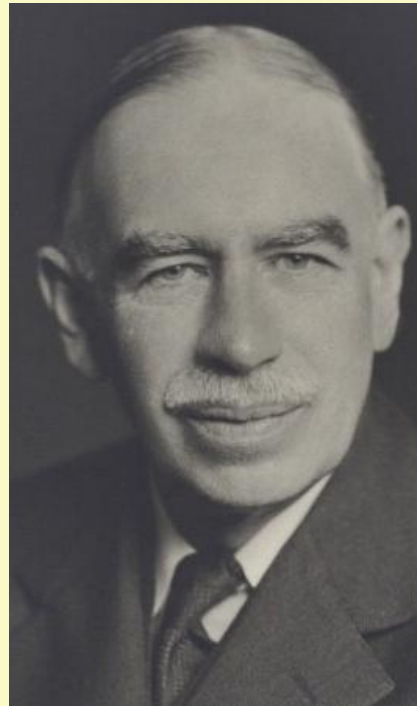
Liberalism = freedom, individualism, rights, tolerance, rationality, capitalism (Adam Smith), private property

Classical Liberalism = minimal state, maximum individual freedom, negative liberty, and non-intervention in the economy (Hayek, Friedman)

Modern Liberalism = enabling state, limited freedom of the individual, positive liberty, government intervention in the economy (Keynes).

Classical Liberals			Modern Liberals		
John Locke	Mary Wollstonecraft	John Stuart Mill	Thomas Hill Green	John Rawls	Betty Friedan
					
Human Nature Egotistical Individualism = humans prioritise what's in their own best interest. "Society is a series of market relations".	Human Nature Rationalism = men & women are equally rational & self-motivated. "The mind has no gender"	Human Nature Primacy of Individual = freedom to choose "the individual is sovereign". Hedonism =	Human Nature Developmental Individualism = people try to better themselves. "Better to be Socrates dissatisfied than a pig".	Human Nature Developmental Individualism =	Human Nature Limited individualism =
State Social Contract & Fiduciary Power =	State Liberal Democracy = free/fair elections. "A Vindication of Rights of Men" pro Republicanism.	State Harm Principle =	State Enabling =	State Enabling =	State Equality of Opportunity = same chances to fail or succeed. Childcare benefits for single mums.
Society Natural Society =	Society <u>Formal Equality</u> =	Society Tolerance = respect for different beliefs. Tocqueville "I detest what you say but will defend to death your right to say it".	Society Positive Liberty = liberty achieved by state freeing individuals from "the shackles of poverty".	Society Veil of Ignorance = people will design a just society if unaware of their position within it. Hobbes argues morals are enforced.	Society Formal Equality = women and men have same legal rights. Equality Act 1975 no job discrimination.
Economy Private Property = private ownership a natural right "men enter society to protect their property".	Economy Women's economic freedom =	Economy Laissez-Faire Capitalism =	Economy Free Market Capitalism =	Economy Keynesian = gov should stimulate economy when necessary "Thatcher flirts with <u>Reaganomics</u> ".	Economy Women's economic equality =

Tell your partner
what you learnt for
homework about
Smith, Keynes,
Hayek, and
Friedman



Liberal concepts

Individualism

Self-...	
Determination	
Realisation	
Development	
Fulfilment	

Definition

realising one's potential; discovery and actualisation of true self

control over one's own life

achieving one's (true) aims for self

improvement of one's self (mind, body) e.g. acquiring and enhancing skills

meritocracy

political power
exercised by those
who merit it

(not by those who
inherit it)



constitutional government



government defined by formal constitution

rules and
procedures

protect individual
rights

constitutional reform

**improving the
constitution**

foundational equality

Equality of opportunity

(all have equal chances
to self-realise, self-
determine, self-fulfil)

**formal
equality**

Equal rights

Legal rights, political
rights, human rights

fragmented government

power distributed and
therefore checked and
balanced



**revolutionary
potential**

Critics of liberalism



Aleksandr Dugin