

Political Ideologies



Liberal

Ideology: A connected set of beliefs about people and society, which general consists of some of the following:

1. a set of basic assumptions about human nature and society
2. an interpretation of the past
3. an explanation of the present
4. a vision for the future
5. a goal for which to strive (usually Utopian) and a strategy to achieve this
6. heroes (martyrs, leaders, founding fathers, etc.) and rituals (pledges, anthems, sacred documents, etc.)
7. a strong emotional appeal
8. a simple, easily understood picture of the world, which is claims is the truth

Why have ideologies?

- help people understand their society
- allow people and governments to explain past actions
- used by governments and societies to set future goals and policies

Examples

- liberalism
- Nazism
- fascism
- communism
- liberalism
- totalitarianism
- conservatism
- socialism

In Canada...

