

# Liberalism

#	Principle	Liberalism				
		sustainability / critical perspectives	human societies	human symbols	human artefacts	nature
		purpose within the semantic lens				
1	Separation of powers, government is accountable to the governed (MM3, MM25)	addressing corruption	honesty, trust			
2	The practice of religion, the creation of art, and the raising of children by their parents are affairs that do not concern the state	development of new theories	the right to speak and write freely, the freedom to associate and organize and freedom from fear of reprisal	the right to speak and write freely, the freedom to associate and organize and freedom from fear of reprisal		
3	Acceptance that too minute a concern with citizens' beliefs is inimical to prosperity and good order (MM17)	development of new theories		mistrust of state power		
4	Willingness to reexamine and reform social institutions in the light of new needs (MM19, MM20)	learning	learning, avoidance of sudden cataclysmic change			
5	Chief task of government is to remove obstacles that prevent individuals from living freely; such obstacles include poverty, disease, discrimination, and ignorance (MM5)		liberation of the individual from complete subservience to the group			
6	Power of a current majority is checked by the verdicts of majorities that precede and follow it		equality			
7	All men are created equal, protection of unpopular minorities (MM1, MM7)		equality			
8	the doctrine of utilitarianism—the belief that something has value when it promotes happiness or when it is useful		happiness		usability	
9	Expanded education, enlarged suffrage, and periodic elections		happiness			
10	Settling disputes through rational dialogue and compromise		rational self-interest in minimizing costs and maximizing gains			
11	Unrestrained economic competition enhances the welfare of the group as a whole		happiness, individuals free to pursue their self-interest (MM15)		cultivation of wealth, quality of design, manufacturing	
12	An exchange economy based upon a division of labour (MM24)		happiness, individuals free to pursue their self-interest (MM15)		quality of design, manufacturing	
13	Institutionalized competition		mistrust of state power			