**Personal Political Ideology**

There are 5 ideologies that I learned and they all range between either the Left wing or the

Right wing on the political spectrum. *Ideology* – **1** “A system of ideas and ideals, especially

one of which forms the basis of economic or political theory and policy” **1.1** “The sets of beliefs

characteristic of a social group or individual” <[en.oxforddictionaries.com](https://en.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/ideology) (12/7/17). The 5

ideologies are presented as examples of different political parties, communism, socialism,

conservationism, fascism and liberalism, they all been involved around the world in political history

and each consists their own beliefs and policies they wish to follow, in interest of benefiting the

society. I can agree with some of these ideologies depending on what issue needs to be addressed

or what needs to improve. In this essay, I would explain what is my personal views and how they

would overlap with other ideologies.

*Individualism* – “The habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant.” (from oxford

dictionaries - 12/8/17). Individualism can be important in a society, especially when a country

lives as a republic, in which power is held by the people and those they elect as representatives to

act in behave of them to the nominated president prime minster (Oxford English Dictionary

12/8/17). It important to me because individualism involves making choices, to have their own

opinions, being self – reliable and *independent* – “Free from outside control; not subjected to

another’s authority.”, calling someone an *individual* is saying that this person is different from

others, their personality, talents, skills, or opinions together make the person unique. This is how I

understand about things; each may require something different from the other, having a unique

circumstance. For example, one student learns better visually (by seeing) while another learns

auditory (through listening) better in the classroom, so they both use different techniques for

making notes or studying subjects.

With individualism, comes *freedom* – “The power or right to act, speak, or think as one

wants.”. As an individual in society, should have this right because without the right to do things,

then how would people better themselves, to develop their skills, to explore, experience, even make

some mistakes, fix, learn from them and have their own opinions. However, usually there should be

some *stability* – “the state of being stable” or have a type of foundation, where things need to be

planned out or there isn’t room for mistakes. As was mentioned before, there are always going to be

a unique circumstance, where for example; there isn’t a need for everyday to be different, that there

is a routine to follow. In society – people have the right of acting freely, as long as they follow the

law and don’t do any harm.

I always work on expanding my skills, abilities, how to make choices on my own, trying

new things and work on my identity as a Canadian. Valuing individualism, freedom and stability,

leads towards Liberalism (or the Liberalists), and Conservatism (or the Conservatives), which is in

the center of the Political Spectrum where it is believed….

* Tradition is important, but change must be supported if most people want it.
* The Government should play a role only when it improves the lives of citizens.
* Law and order are important to encourage and protect the rights of individuals.

Overall, it depends on what the people need, in addition they get to choose the countries

representatives, and which ideology leads.

For the Liberal Party of Canada, they value individual freedom, responsibility and human

dignity, as well as rationalism (that humans are cable of thinking logically and rationally to help

solve problems) and pushing needed progress (new ideas to science, economy and the society) (

Major Political Ideologies One-Note document 12/10/17) and they are committed to the pursuit of

equality for all persons (equality), the enhancement of Canada’s unique and diverse cultural

community, recognition that English and French are the official languages and the promotion of the

Canadian identity in a global society (individualism, freedom, identity) ([Liberal’s Philosophy](https://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/eppp-archive/100/205/300/liberal-ef/05-05-24/www.liberal.ca/philosophy_e.aspx)

12/10/17). With the Conservatives, they stand for lower taxes, smaller government,

decentralization of federal government powers to the provinces and a tougher stand on “law and

order” issues (stability) ([What they Represent](https://owlcation.com/social-sciences/Canadian-Political-Parties-What-they-Represent) 12/10/17).

In conclusion, I agree with being Liberal and Conservative. Even though the Liberals believe

in change where it is needed and noting individuals’ opinions, and striving for progress, new ideas

leading to the economy, the society and/or science. The Conservatives have a point on keeping

things the same and not changing so much, or it might cause some disorder.