

GV100 Week 02 Liberalism and Conservatism Questions

Lecture:

1. What is the difference between positive and negative liberty?
2. What do people receive under a just system?
3. What are the limits on liberty and tolerance?
4. What are the main differences between classical and modern liberalism?
 - a. Are the Liberal Democrats a classical or a modern liberal party?
 - b. Is neoliberalism closer to classical or modern liberalism?
5. How do liberalism and conservatism differ in their emphasis on the individual and society?
6. How do liberalism and conservatism differ in their view of human reason?
7. How do liberalism and conservatism differ in their view of equality?
8. What is the classic conservative view of ideological theory?
9. Why is tradition so important to conservatism?
10. What is the New Right?
 - a. Is the Conservative Party part of the New Right?
 - b. Is UKIP part of the New Right?

Reading:

11. How does Locke characterise the state of nature?
12. According to Locke, what is lacking in the state of nature that causes humans to create the state?
 - a. What do humans have to give up to create the state, and why are they happy to do so?
13. What is Locke's vision of human motivations?
14. How does Burke justify a hierarchy in which those who are lower down pay those who are higher up part of the value of what they produce?
15. How does Burke argue against revolution?
16. What elements of the new French state did Burke criticise?
17. According to Goldfarb, how do British and American conservatives now differ?
 - b. Is the Tea Party conservative?