

#### 4 Political Ideologies

\*\*You may use this as a supplement to the powerpoint

What is political ideology?

- Role of govt at core of this- what is government supposed to do?
- Not just what you believe on certain issues, also what gov should/should not do about these things

Liberalism

- general characteristics of liberalism in modern era
- start of liberal movement with FDR, Teddy in a lot of ways did this too
- active in attacking problems in society, endorse broad govt programs
- govt role is keeping playing field fair, not everything equal
- irony- guns rights- not necessarily consistent

Conservatism

- Reagan- govt too big, taxes too high, USSR evil, in today's party he would be moderate
- Not NO govt or taxes, just keeping things limited
- Umpire, but stay out of the way
- Govt stifles econ growth, individual liberty and freedom
- Let people keep their money, helps stimulate econ growth
- Diff between conservatism in 70s and now- more socially conservative, Reagan first self-professed pro-life president

Libertarian

- not anarchists
- hate the IRS (collect taxes)
- much less govt on econ issues
- high value on individual rights, esp speech and guns
- your rights end where next person's begin (ex. Same sex marriage, drugs)- if someone does something when you're high—steps over the line
- you'll find them in the 2 other parties, but they have their own party

Populism

- not a populist party anymore- 19<sup>th</sup> century grew out of grange movement- reflected needs of farmers in Midwest
- Huey Long of LA- man of people, he wanted shared wealth
- Tinge of socialism, protection of farmers
- Pro-life, evangelical- rural areas