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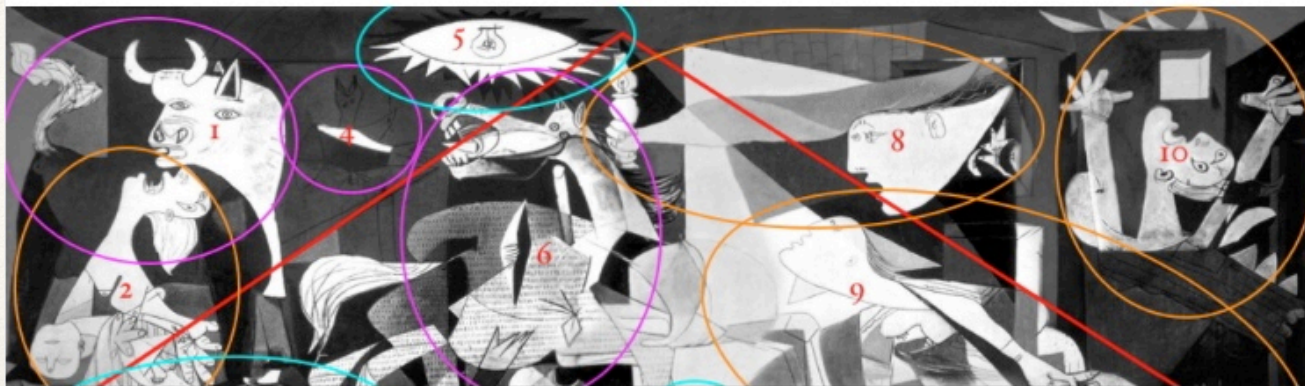
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Liberty as the Sum of all Freedoms

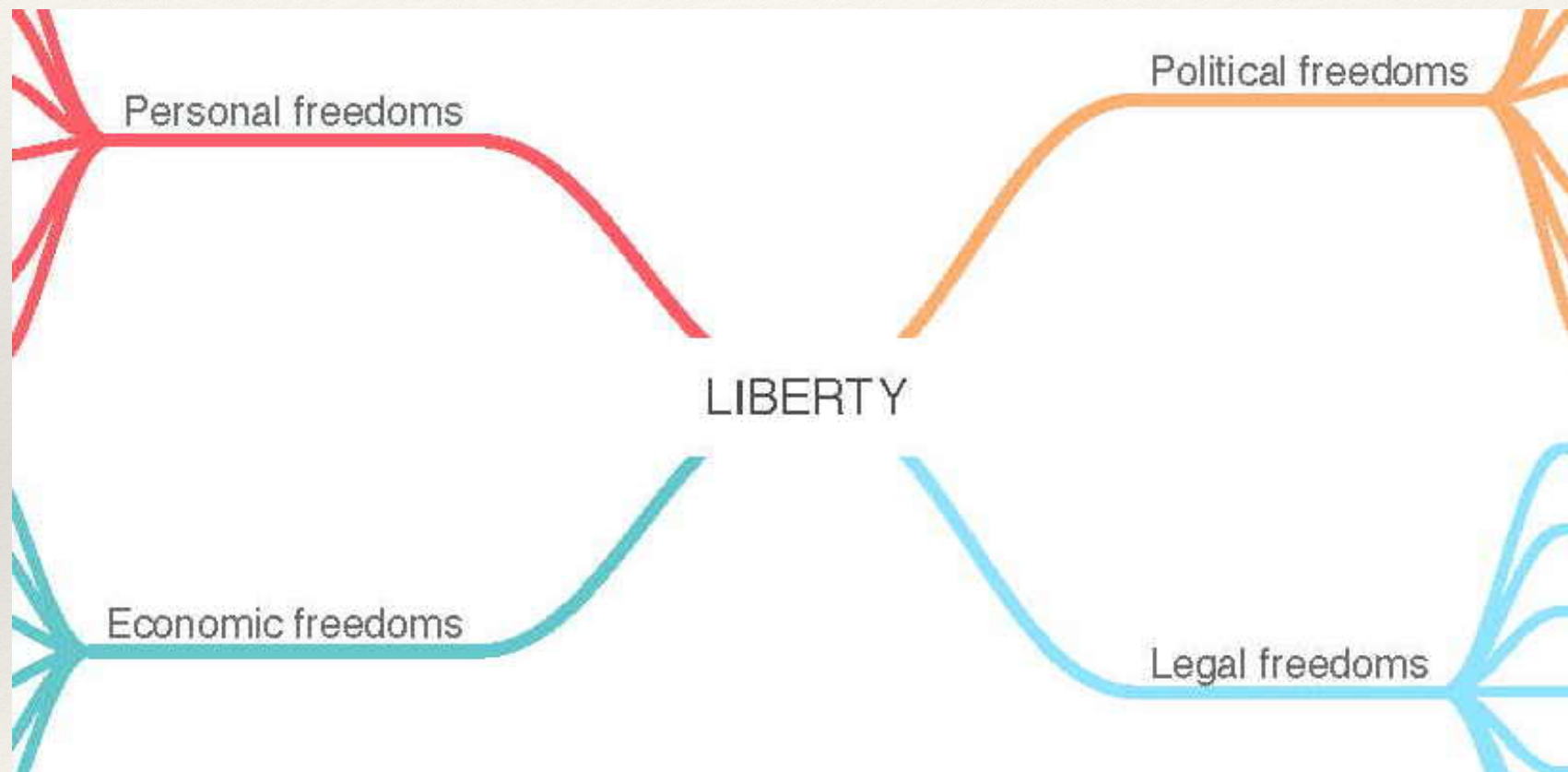
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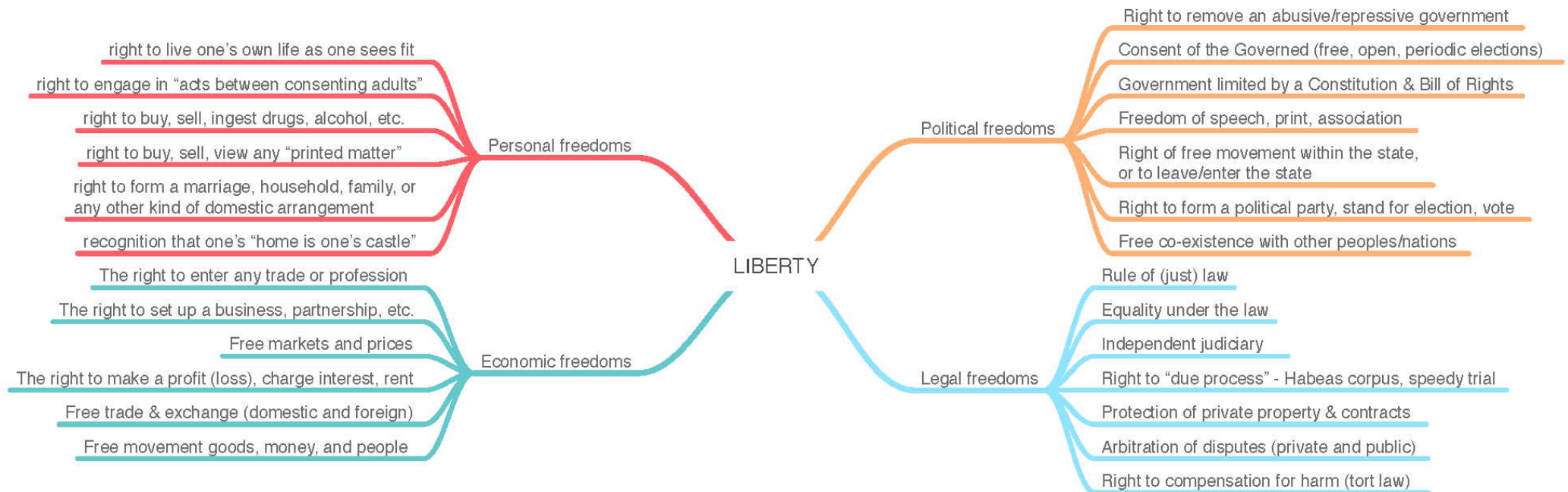


Liberty as the Sum of all Freedoms



Liberty as the Sum of all Freedoms

LIBERTY AS THE SUM OF ALL FREEDOMS
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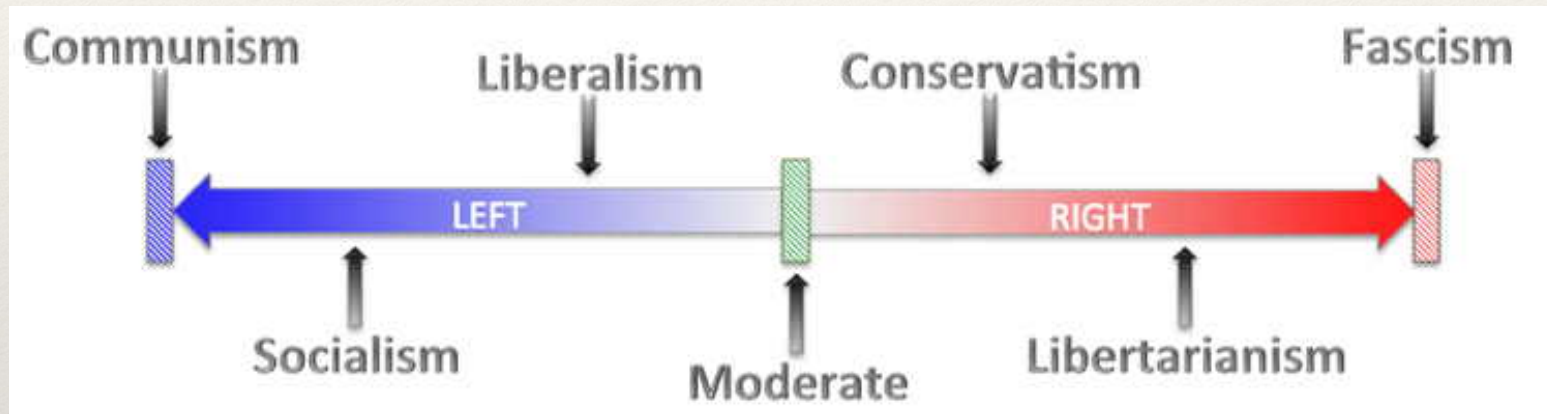


And what is “Liberty,” this word that has the power of making all hearts beat faster and of moving the entire world, if it is not **the sum of all freedoms?** — freedom of conscience, teaching, and association, freedom of the press, freedom to travel, work, and trade, in other words, the free exercise by all people of all their non-aggressive abilities. And, in still other terms, isn’t freedom the destruction of all despotic regimes, even legal despotism, and the limiting of the law to its sole rational function which is to regulate the individual’s right of legitimate self defense and to prevent injustice?

Frédéric Bastiat, Preface to Economic Harmonies (1847)

Plotting Liberty

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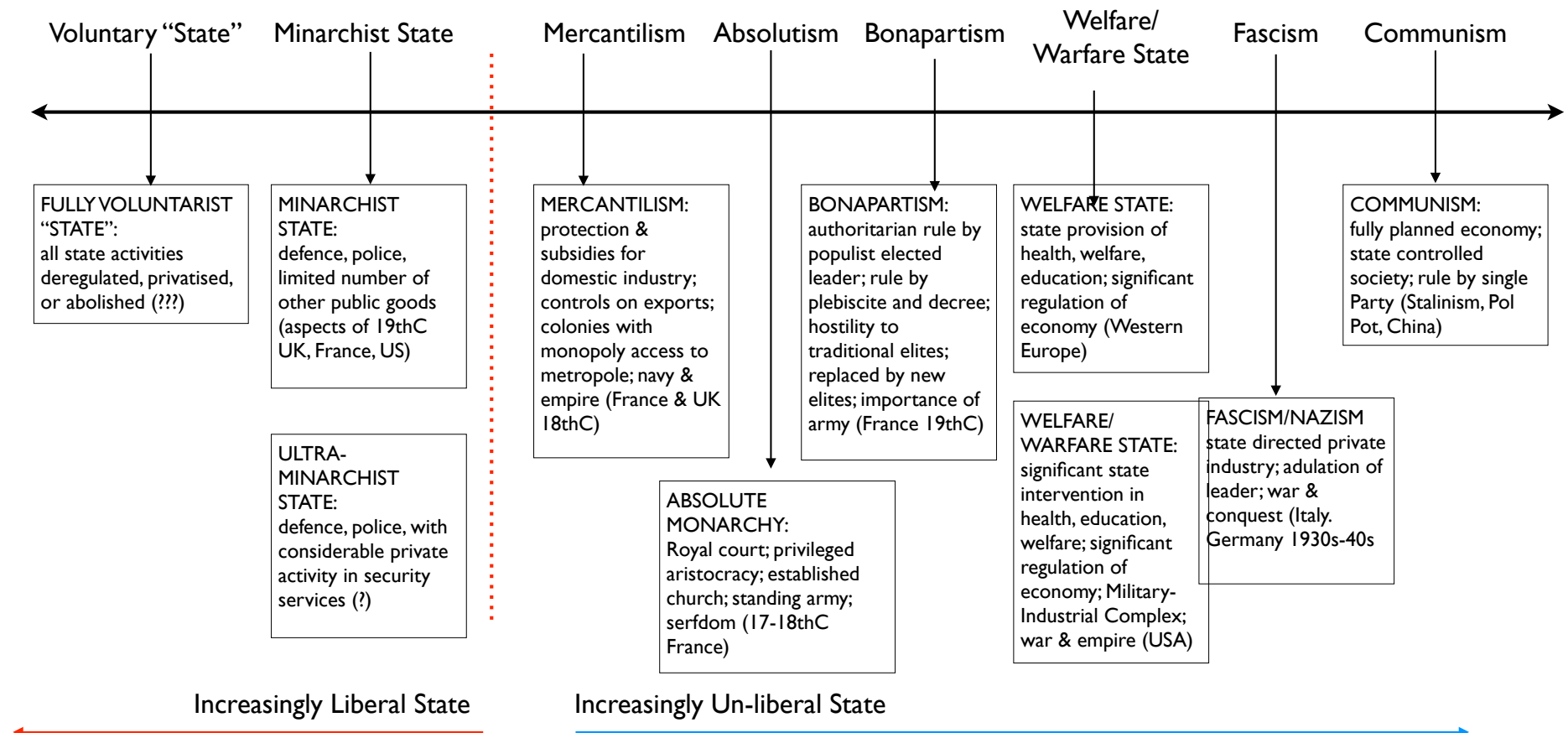
A New “Left-Right” Spectrum of State Power

LIBERTY

[radical, challenges status quo, “left-wing”]

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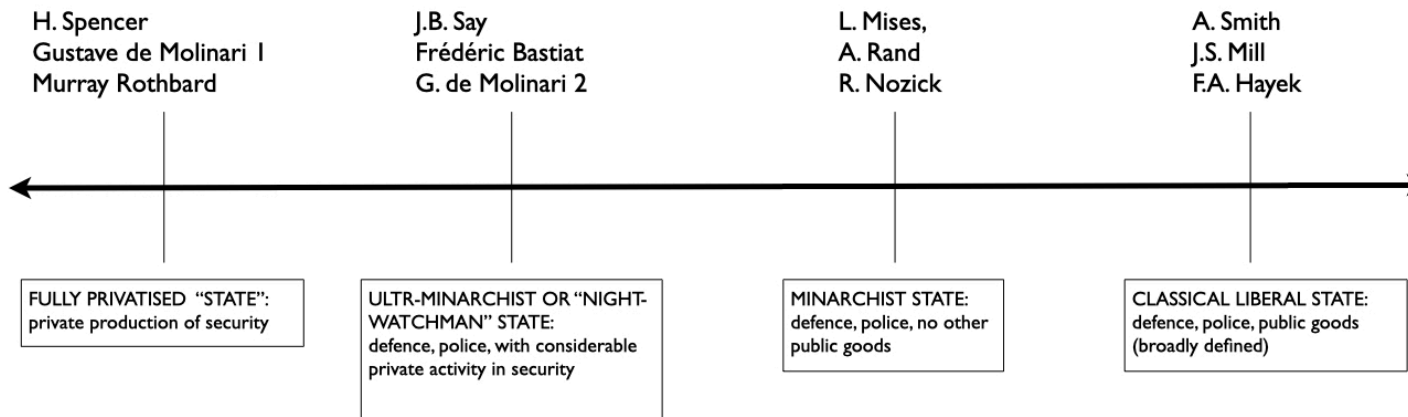
[conservative, defends/creates status quo, “right-wing”]



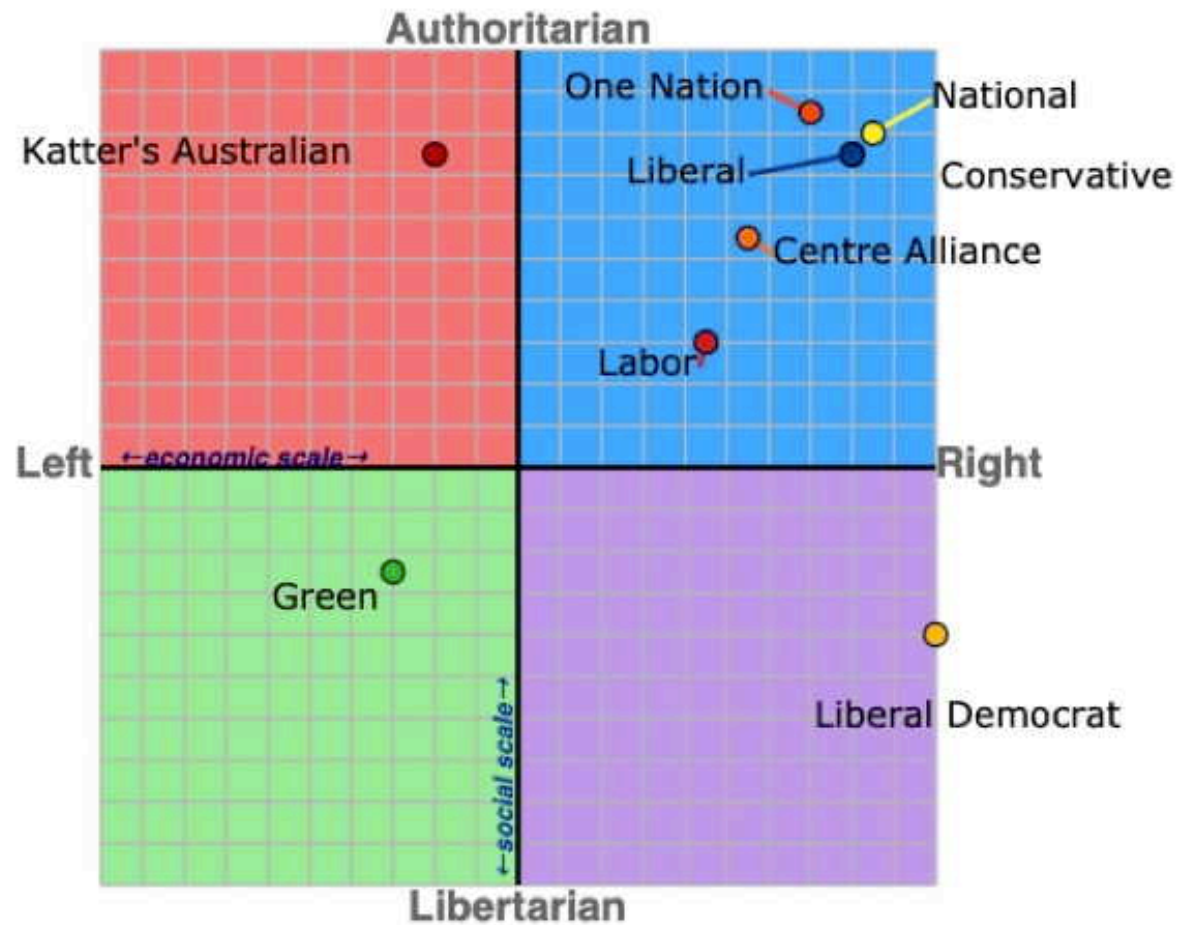
Functions of the Classical Liberal State

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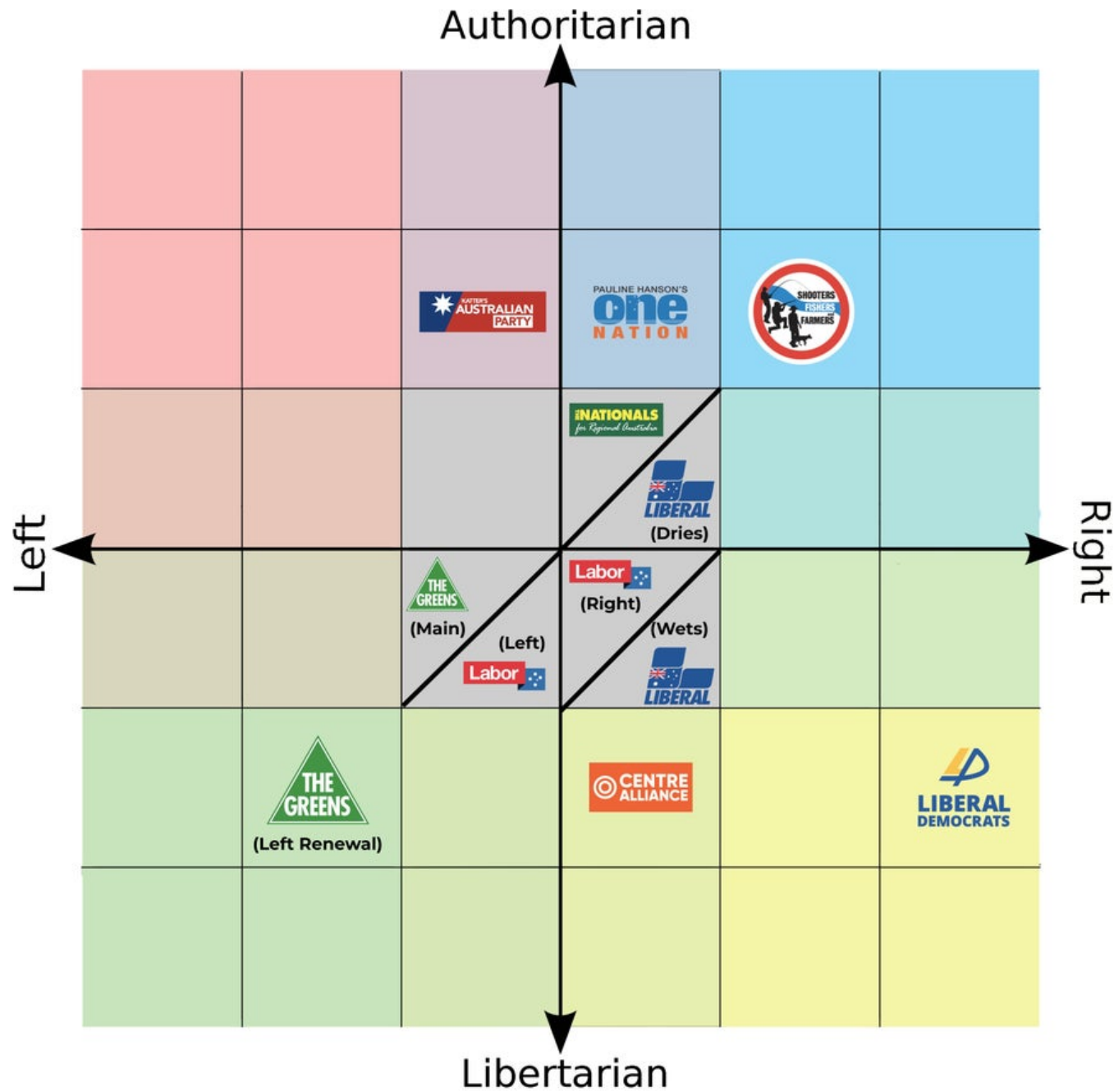
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Australian Federal Election 2019



Australian “Political Compass”



Australian Political Compass 2

Australia 2022

FEDERAL ELECTION

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How you fit in the political landscape



How much you agree with the parties



Modify this graph based on the issues you care about most.

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Save your results

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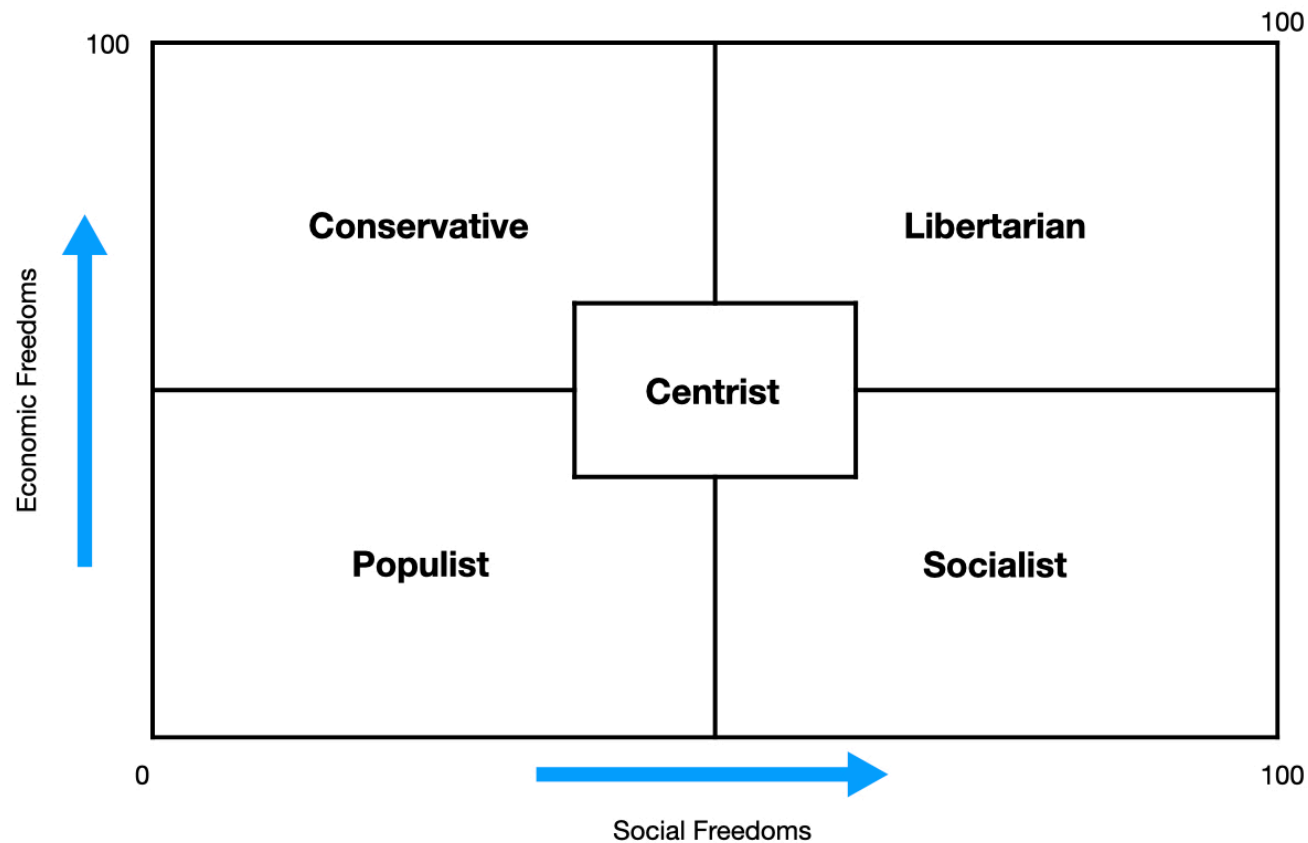
The makers of Vote Compass can

How you rate the leaders



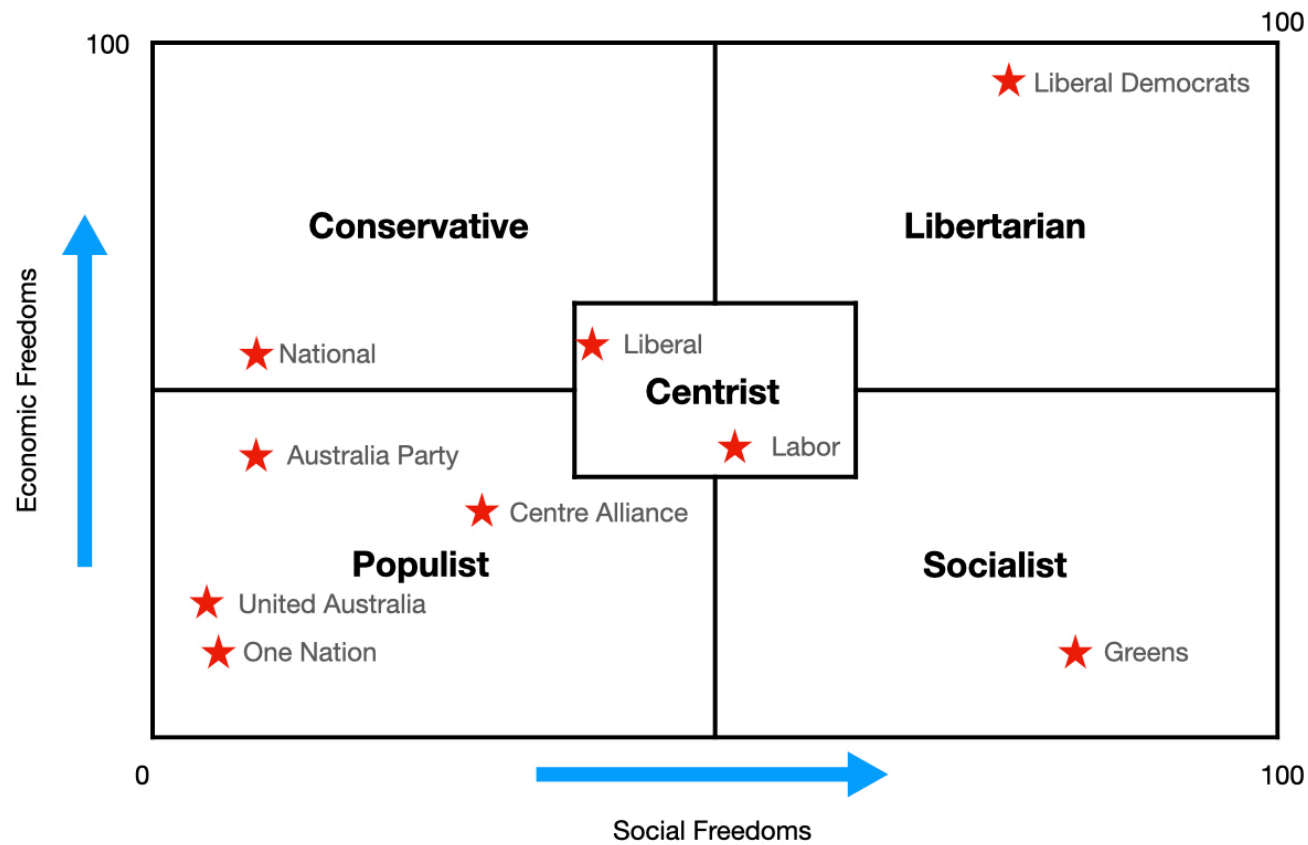
ABC Online “Vote Compass”

Four-Way Political Matrix



**Modified David Nolan Political Chart
(David Boaz, CATO)**

Four-Way Political Matrix



The Human Freedom Index

The Human Freedom Index

Rank	Freedom rank change (2018–2019)	Country/Territory	Personal freedom	Economic freedom	Human freedom	Freedom score change (2018–2019)
1	0	Switzerland	9.56	8.48	9.11	▼ 0.03
2	0	New Zealand	9.33	8.56	9.01	▼ 0.11
3	0	Denmark	9.56	8.17	8.98	▼ 0.01
4	▲ 1	Estonia	9.48	8.11	8.91	▼ 0.01
5	▲ 1	Ireland	9.40	8.21	8.90	▲ 0.01
6	0	Finland	9.52	7.92	8.85	▼ 0.04
6	▲ 3	Canada	9.40	8.06	8.85	▲ 0.02
8	▼ 4	Australia	9.30	8.20	8.84	▼ 0.10
9	▼ 1	Sweden	9.63	7.72	8.83	▼ 0.01
10	0	Luxembourg	9.48	7.84	8.80	▼ 0.01
11	▲ 3	Netherlands	9.36	7.96	8.78	▲ 0.02
12	▲ 1	Iceland	9.40	7.90	8.77	▲ 0.00
13	▼ 1	Norway	9.50	7.72	8.76	▼ 0.03
14	▼ 3	United Kingdom	9.19	8.15	8.75	▼ 0.05
15	0	United States	9.09	8.24	8.73	▼ 0.02
15	▲ 1	Germany	9.32	7.91	8.73	▲ 0.00
15	▲ 1	Japan	9.26	7.98	8.73	▲ 0.00
18	▲ 1	Portugal	9.33	7.79	8.69	▲ 0.02
19	▲ 1	Taiwan	9.14	8.02	8.68	▲ 0.02
19	▲ 3	Lithuania	9.01	8.21	8.68	▲ 0.04
21	▼ 3	Austria	9.25	7.86	8.67	▼ 0.01
21	▲ 1	Latvia	9.18	7.94	8.67	▲ 0.03
23	▲ 1	Czech Republic	9.14	7.87	8.61	▼ 0.01
23	▲ 3	Belgium	9.31	7.62	8.61	▲ 0.01
25	▲ 2	Spain	9.04	7.89	8.56	▲ 0.03
26	▲ 2	Italy	9.12	7.61	8.49	▲ 0.00
27	▲ 2	Malta	8.75	8.03	8.45	▼ 0.01
28	▼ 3	Chile	8.86	7.85	8.44	▼ 0.17
29	▲ 2	Cyprus	8.80	7.89	8.42	▼ 0.01
30	▼ 10	Hong Kong SAR, China	8.06	8.91	8.41	▼ 0.25

The Cato/Fraser “Human Freedom Index” 2021

Ranking
8

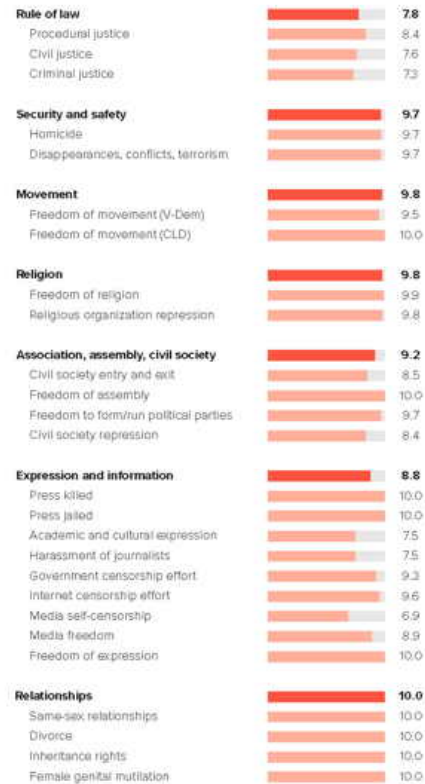
AUSTRALIA

OCEANIA

Score
8.84

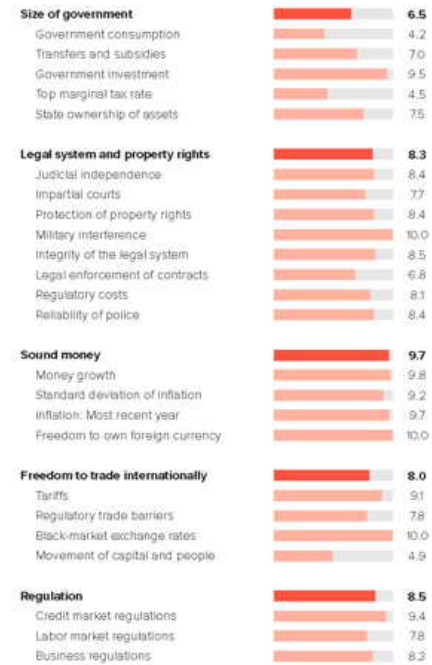
PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking
16/165
Score
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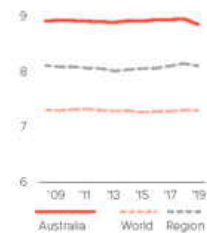
ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking
9/165
Score
8.20

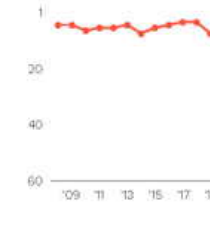


HUMAN FREEDOM

Score over time



Ranking over time



AUSTRALIA

OCEANIA

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Human freedom	8.90	8.92	8.91	8.90	8.89	8.88	8.91	8.90	8.93	8.93	8.94	8.84
Ranking	5	5	7	6	6	5	8	6	5	4	4	8
Economic freedom	8.20	8.18	8.13	8.13	8.12	8.08	8.19	8.17	8.22	8.25	8.29	8.20
Personal freedom	9.40	9.44	9.46	9.45	9.44	9.44	9.43	9.42	9.43	9.42	9.41	9.30
Rule of law	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.9	7.9	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8
Procedural justice	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.5	8.6	8.5	8.4	8.4	8.3	8.4	8.4
Civil justice	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.4	7.7	7.5	7.5	7.6	7.6	7.6
Criminal justice	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.7	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.3
Security and safety	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.7
Homicide	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.7	9.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.9	9.8	9.6	9.7	9.7
Movement	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.7	9.8
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.6	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.4	9.3	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.5
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Religion	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Freedom of religion	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9
Religious organization repression	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Association, assembly, civil society	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.2
Civil society entry and exit	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	8.5
Freedom of assembly	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7
Civil society repression	9.4	9.4	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.2	9.2	8.8	8.8	9.1	9.1	8.4
Expression and information	9.2	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.3	9.3	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.2	8.8
Press killed	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Press jailed	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Academic and cultural expression	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	7.5
Harassment of journalists	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.5
Government censorship effort	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	8.5	9.3
Internet censorship effort	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.6
Media self-censorship	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	6.9
Media freedom	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	8.9
Freedom of expression	7.5	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Relationships	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

Note: The data source V-Dem = Varieties of Democracy; the data source CLD = Civil Liberty Dataset.

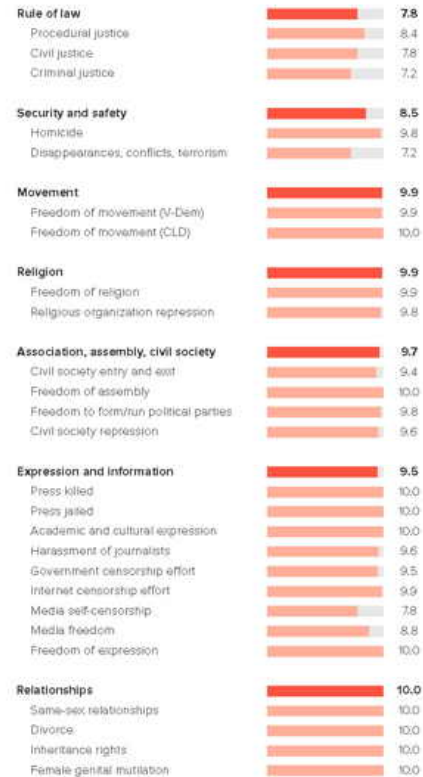
Ranking
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NEW ZEALAND OCEANIA

Score
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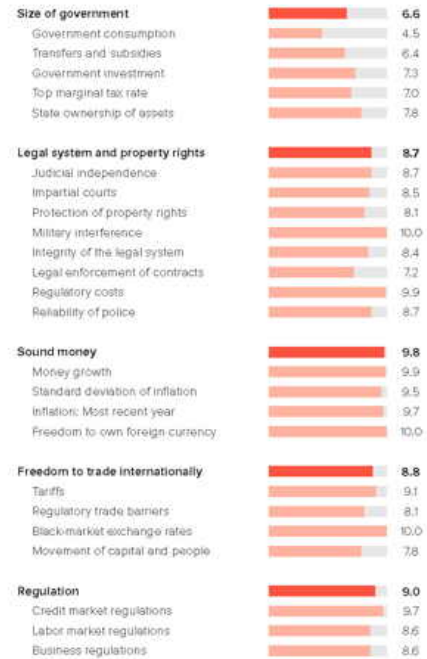
PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking
12/165
Score
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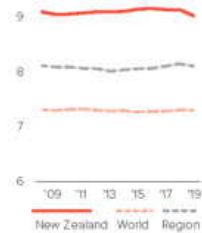
ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking
3/165
Score
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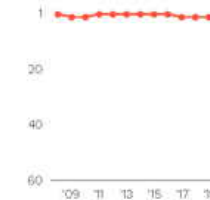


HUMAN FREEDOM

Score over time



Ranking over time



“Human Freedom Index” - NZ

Ranking
48

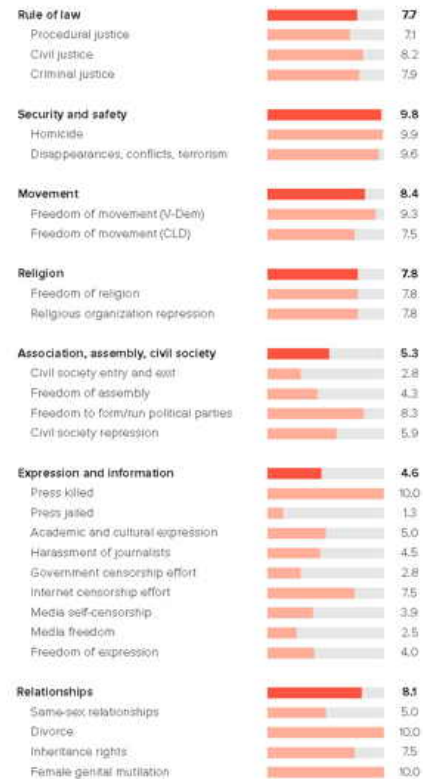
SINGAPORE

SOUTH ASIA

Score
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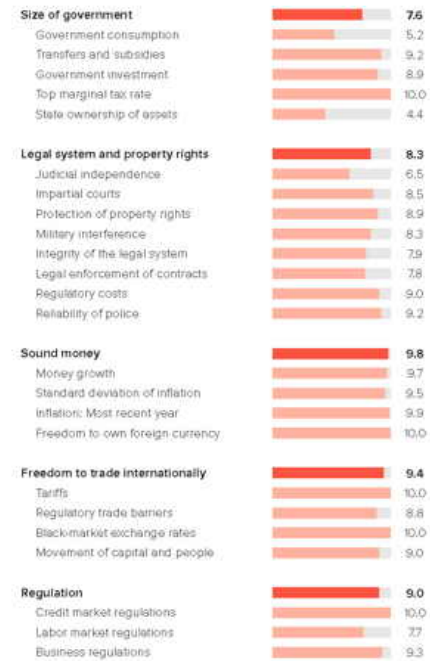
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Ranking
88/165
Score
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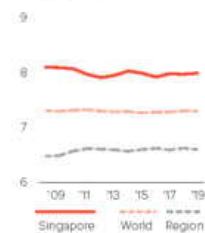
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Ranking
2/165
Score
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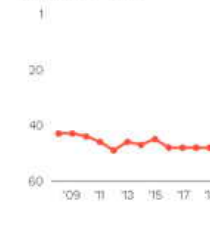


HUMAN FREEDOM

Score over time



Ranking over time



“Human Freedom Index” - Singapore

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