## AMERICAN NATIONAL GOVERNMENT Roger C. Lowery, Ph.D.

#### RADICAL LIBERALS

- Russian communism
- under Lenin & Stalin
- North Korean communism under Kim Jong-il

#### All four

#### **EXTREMIST IDEOLOGIES**

are composed of true believers who believe that:

- they alone have a monopoly on wisdom & virtue
- everyone else is misguided & evil
- and therefore authoritarian or totalitarian means are necessary to achieve their ends

# RADICAL POPULISTS

• Chinese communism under Mao during the *cultural* revolution

#### All four

## **MAINSTREAM IDEOLOGIES**

are composed of pragmatists who believe that:

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- even the best & the brightest are flawed by self-interest and short-sightedness
- and therefore the best approximation of the common good is achieved through bargaining & compromise
- with constitutional limits on government

## **EQUALITY**

Civil Rights

#### MAINSTREAM LIBERALS

mixed views on strong national government

because liberals favor equality > freedom > order

### MAINSTREAM POPULISTS OR COMMUNITARIANS

positive views on strong national government

because populists favor both equality and order > freedom

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#### MAINSTREAM LIBERTARIANS

negative views on strong national government

because libertarians favor freedom > either equality or order

# MAINSTREAM CONSERVATIVES

mixed views on strong national government

because conservatives favor order > freedom > equality

GOVERNMENT SHOULD DEFER TO INDIVIDUAL



STRONG BUT
CONSTITUTIONALLY
LIMITED GOVERNMENT IS
NEEDED TO
GUARANTEE

**ORDER** 

#### **Civil Liberties**

#### ANARCHISTS

- anarchist movements in U.S. & Europe in late 19<sup>th</sup> century
- the Love and Rage Network (1980s-90s)

## REACTIONARY CONSERVATIVES

- Divine-right monarchies in feudal Europe
- Nazi Germany under Hitler
- South Africa under apartheid
- Islamic fundamentalist regimes in Iran, Saudi Arabia, etc.