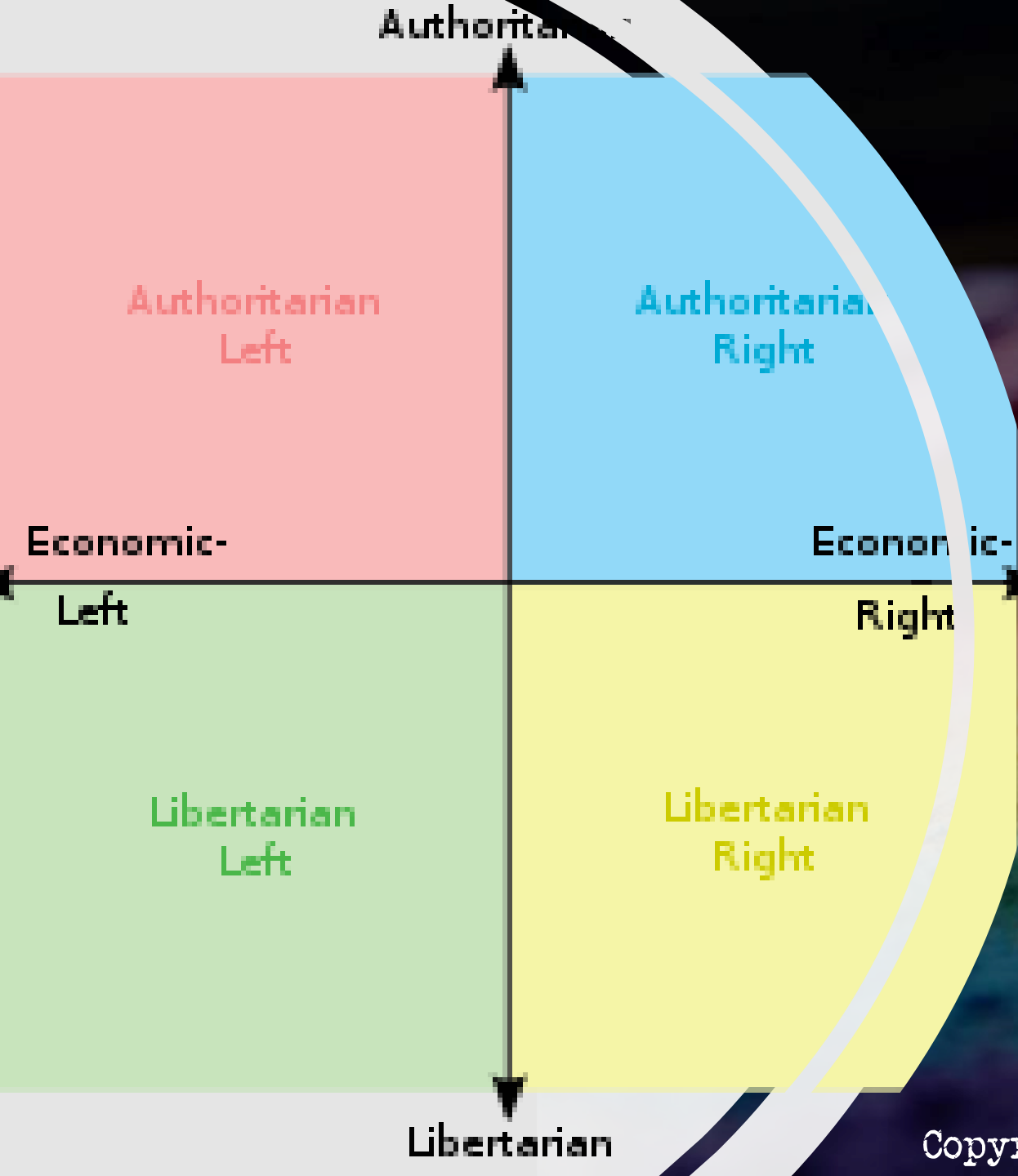


# Political Ideologies and the Political Spectrum/Compass





What is a  
political  
ideology?

A political ideology is a set of shared ideas or beliefs about the role of **government** and how **society** should work.

Let's try together.

Think honestly about each of the following questions.



Which statement  
do you believe  
to be most true?

My ideal system includes  
smaller government and less  
government services but lower  
taxes

OR

My ideal system includes, larger  
government and more  
government services but higher  
taxes



Which statement  
do you believe  
to be most true?

Traditions support old ideas  
and are less relevant than they  
used to be

OR

Traditions provide security and  
stability and must be  
respected



# Political Spectrum Questions to argue about

Do the benefits of oil pipelines outweigh the environmental concerns?

Should the police be defunded?

Should wealthier people pay a larger proportion in taxes?

Should government make sure that pay equity is enforced?

Should unions be abolished in the public sector?

# Common Political Ideologies

**Liberalism** – Favours individual freedom but acknowledges the need for some form of government intervention in the economy.

**Conservatism** – Advocates for the preservation of society and tradition and opposes radical changes.

# Common Political Ideologies

**Socialism** – The economy and industry is collectively owned by the community.

**Libertarianism** – Advocates for minimal government intervention in the lives of citizens.

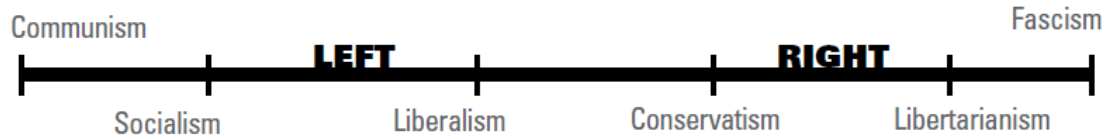
**Capitalism** – Industry controlled by private owners for profit, instead of government

# Common Political Ideologies

**Communism** – Promotes the establishment of an egalitarian and classless society based on common ownership and control of the means of production and property.

**Fascism** – Favours strict social and economical measures as a method of empowering the government and limiting the freedom of citizens.





# What is the Political Spectrum?

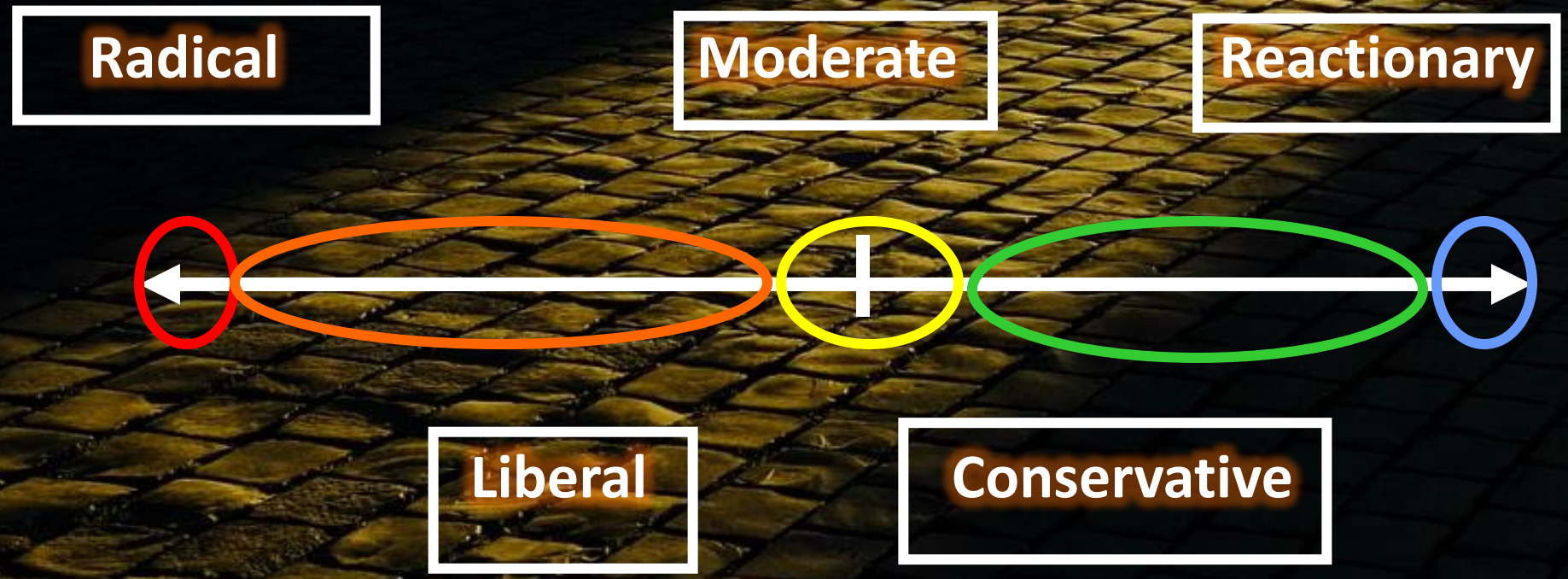
The political spectrum helps us **organize** and distinguish between different beliefs, ideologies, political parties and policy ideas.

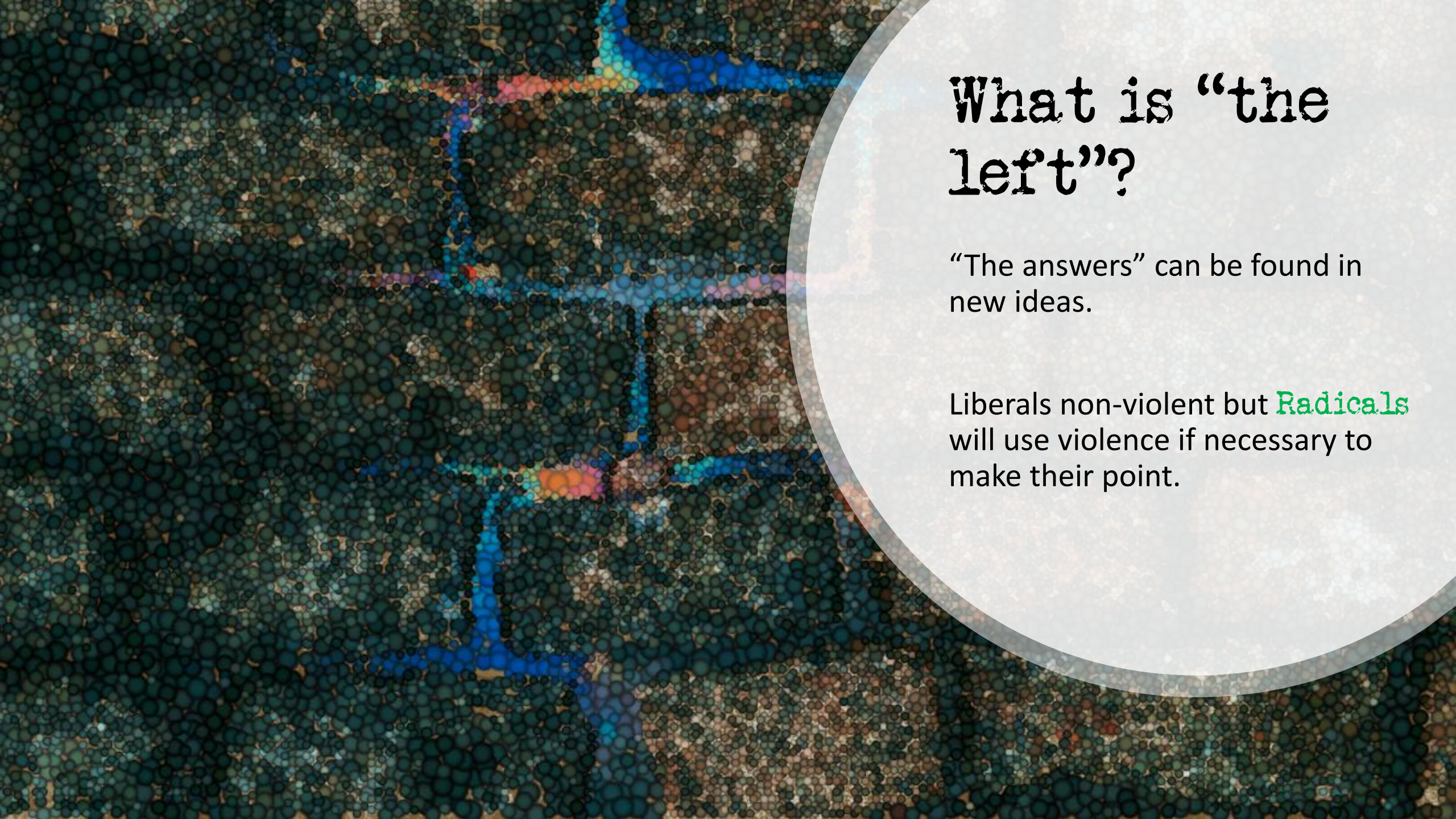
It is generally represented as a horizontal line.

**THE LEFT** favours social equality, government involvement & social services.

**THE RIGHT** favours tradition, smaller government and lower taxes.

# What the spectrum looks like...






# What is “the left”?

“The answers” can be found in new ideas.

Liberals non-violent but **Radicals** will use violence if necessary to make their point.



# What is “the right”?

“The answers” can be found in old ideas or the way things used to be.

Conservatives non-violent but **Reactionaries** will use violence if necessary to make their point.

# What is “the middle”?

People that are moderates will not resort to violence because they are satisfied with the way everything is.

They don't like drastic changes.



# What about the vertical axis?

Authoritarian

Centrist

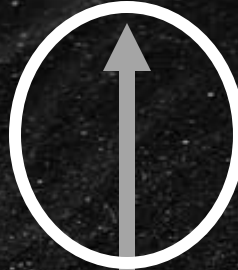
Libertarian



Represented as a vertical line, the **top** favouring government involvement, the **bottom** favouring less government control.

# Authoritarians

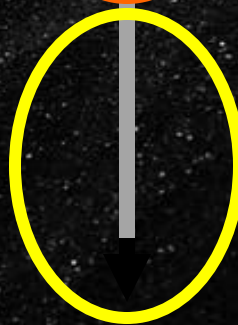
**Authoritarian**



**Centrist**



**Libertarian**



Want the government to take more control in their lives.

They believe Government has solutions to those problems.

# Libertarians

**Authoritarian**

**Centrist**

**Libertarian**



Want to remove the government from their daily lives.

Believe that an individual can make their own choices without government interference.



# Centrists

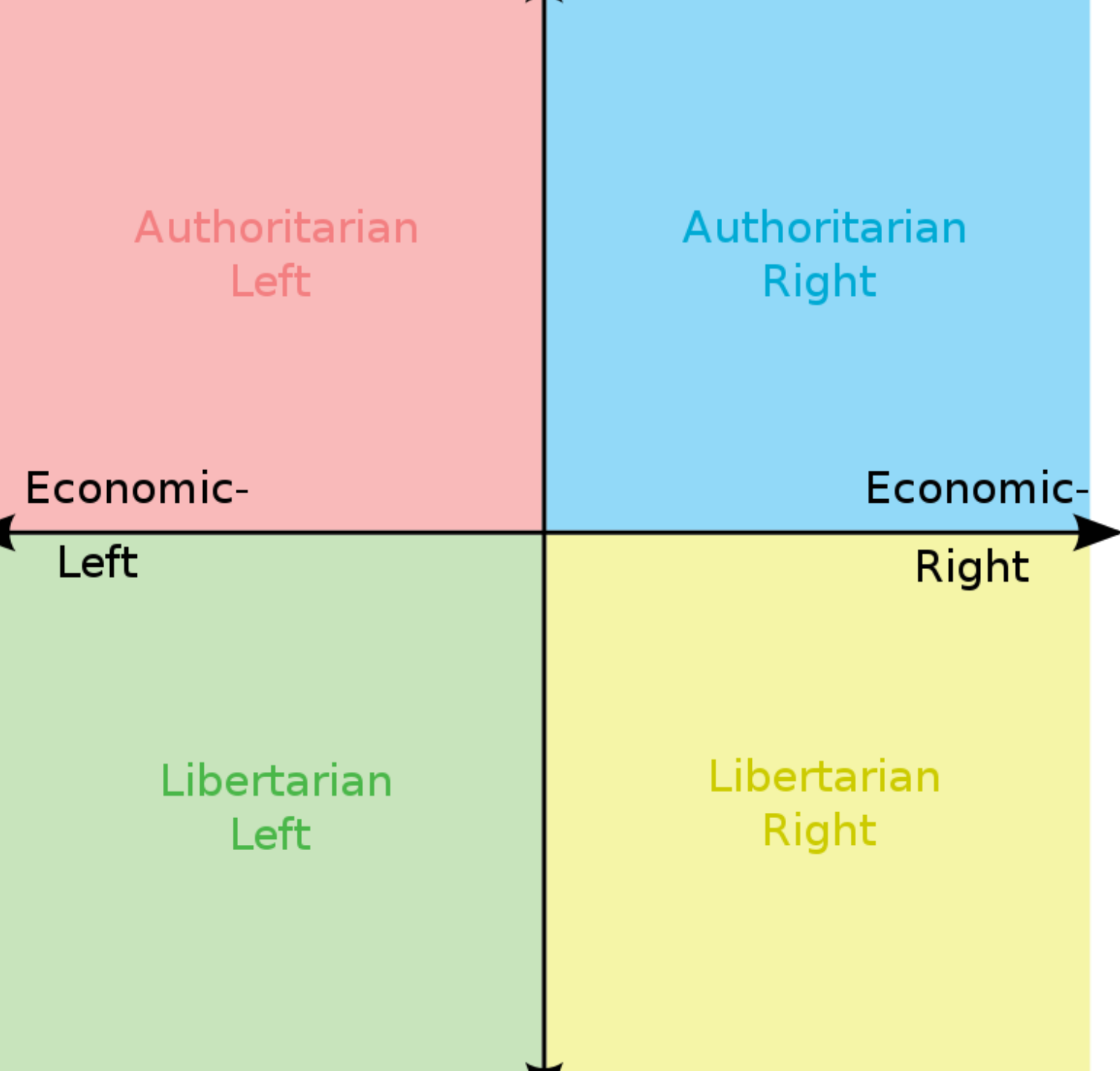
**Authoritarian**

**Centrist**

**Libertarian**



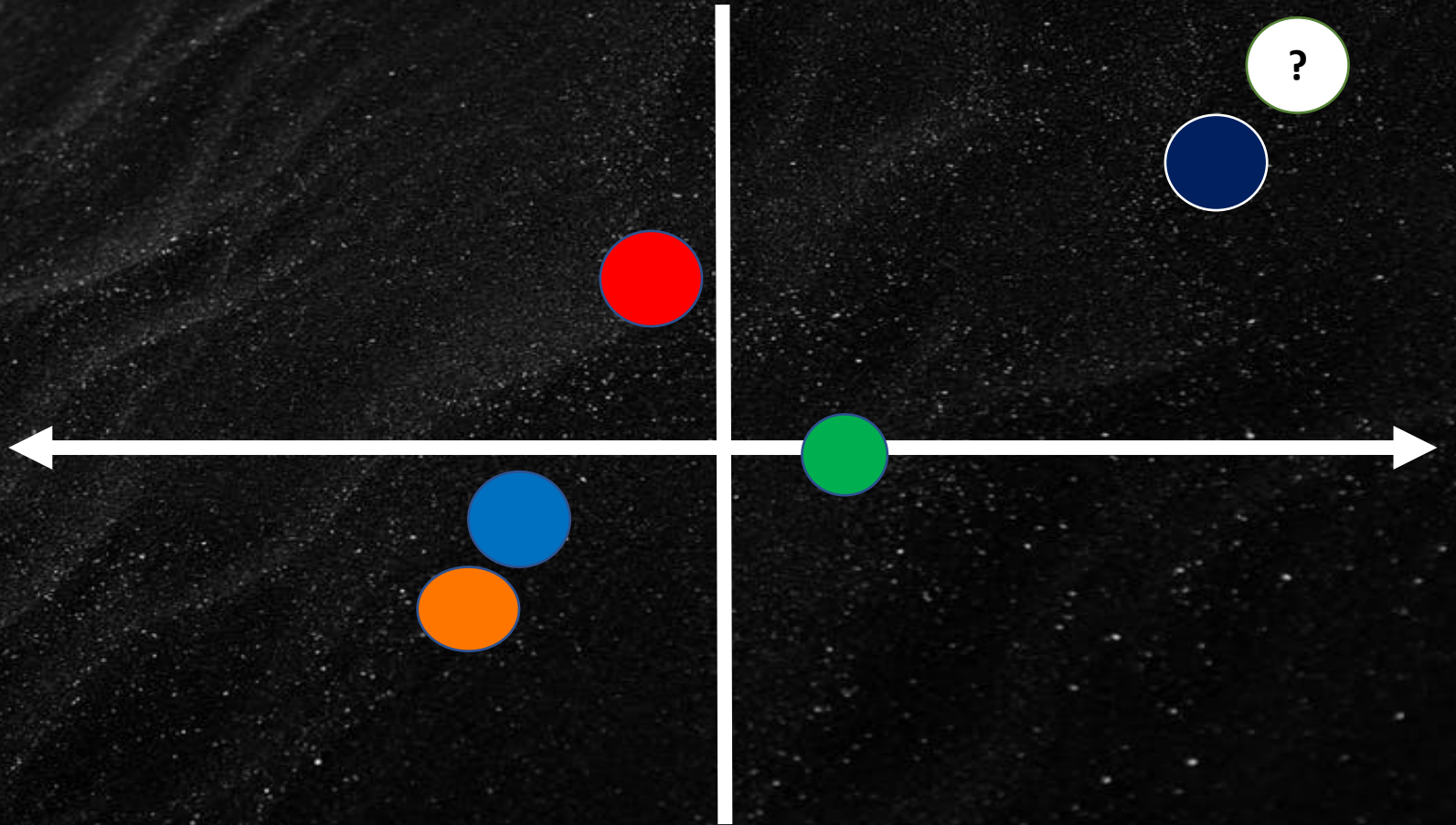
People in the middle of the vertical axis line of the political compass like some involvement, but not total involvement.



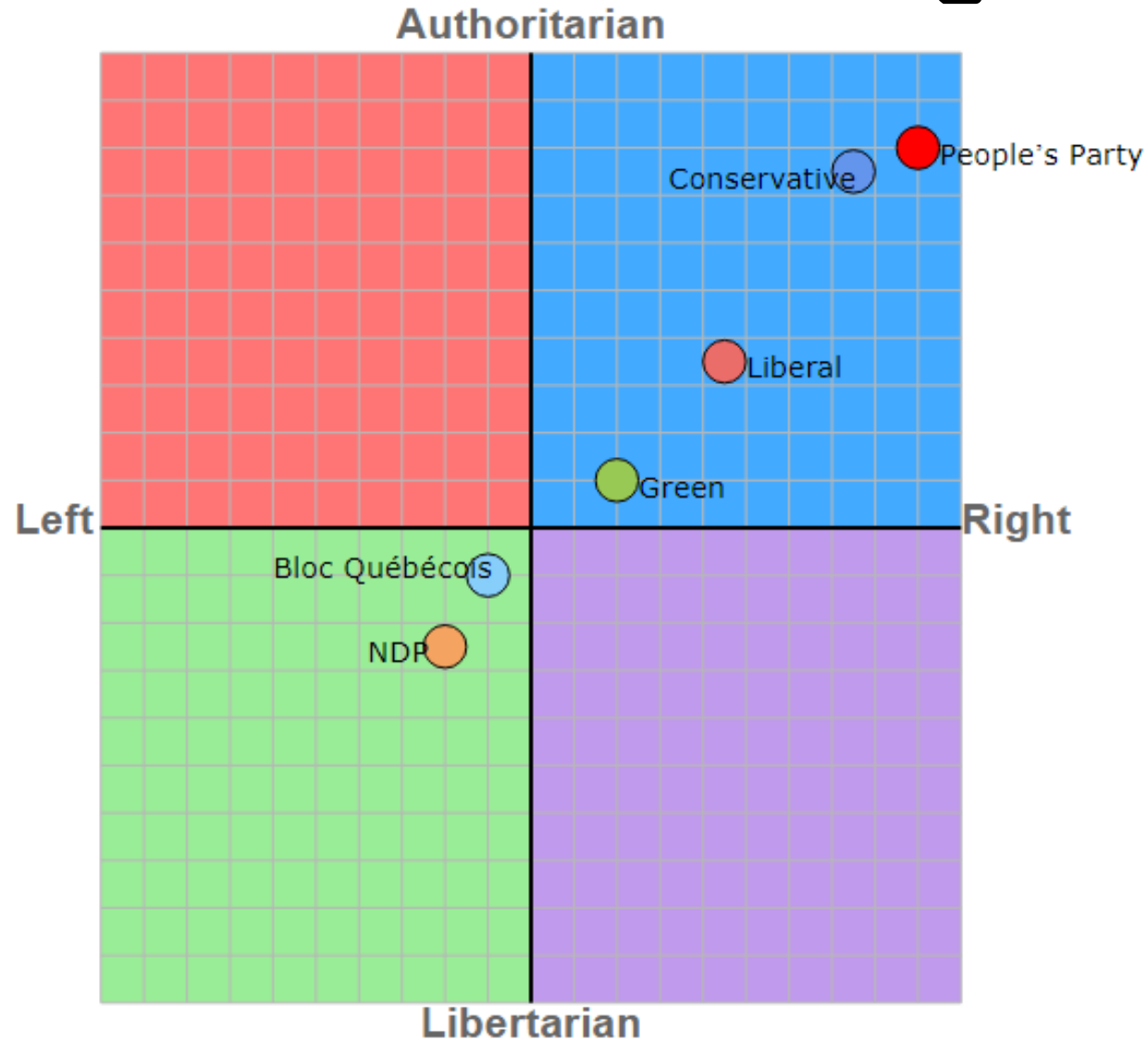
# The Political Compass

This is the way we chart the horizontal axis and vertical axis to organize political ideologies.

# Canada's Political Compass, Fall 2018

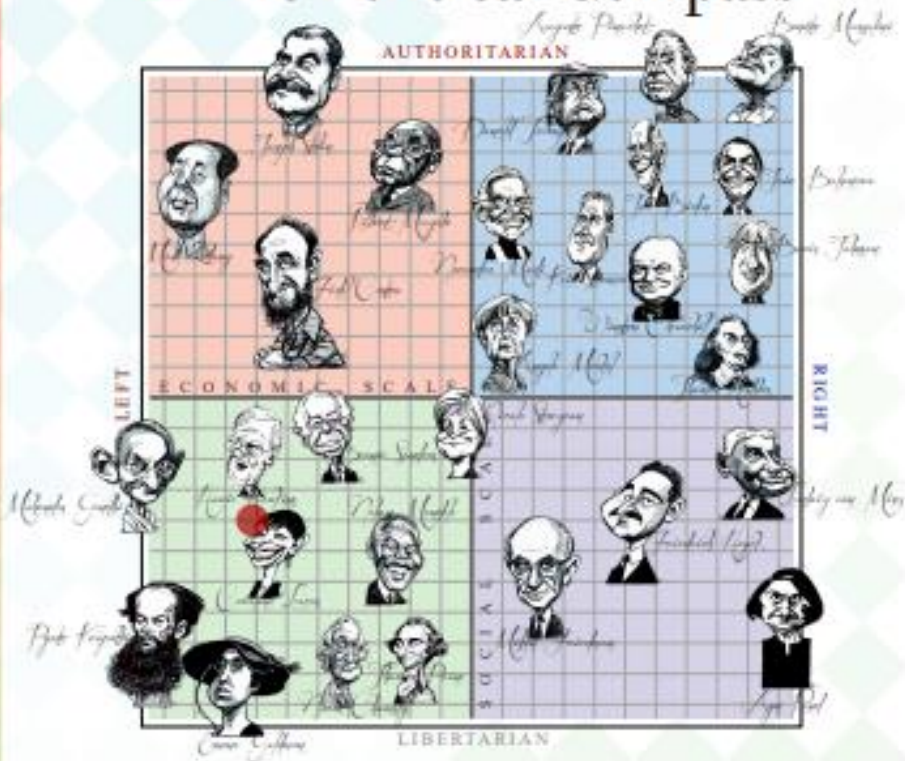


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# The Political Compass



According to some tests, I end up to the far left wing, with some libertarian leanings.

In the past, I have fallen on different quadrants of the political compass.



*This document certifies that*  
 ● **Mr. Kosowan**  
*inhabits the*  
*left libertarian quadrant of*  
**The Political Compass**

*Tuesday 22 September 2020*

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# Let's see where you sit...

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