

VALUE PAIRS

Liberal Values

Traditional Values

Individualism

- The individual is the fundamental unit of society
- Institutions protect the dignity of the individual
- Emphasis is placed on self-reliance
- Individual achievement is glorified & protected
- Individual rights are protected in the face of the group

Collectivism

- Individuals are subordinate to the group
- Achievements are considered group achievements
- Heavy emphasis on duty & responsibility

Liberty

- Minimal constraint or control
- Freedom from outside constraint
- Freedom to participate

Order

- Emphasis on structure
- Safety, peace and security
- Maintenance of stability

Equality

- People are equal in the eyes of authority (law, god, etc.)
- People have equal opportunity & access to resources
- Ascribed characteristics are not a basis for differentiation

Hierarchy

- Clearly differentiated levels of power/authority/status organized in superior/inferior relationships

Democracy

- The people should be the primary source of political power
- The people have political power—vote, voice & input
- Political Power is diffuse

Authority

- Power is concentrated
- Source of power is religion, tradition, knowledge, experience, expertise, etc.

Capitalism

- Private property—right to use resources as owner sees fit
- Belief that one should reap the rewards of one's own labor
- Economic decision-making is in the hands of private owners
- Free market—private owners engage in transactions

Centralization

- Economic decision-making is in the hands of a centralized power
- Belief that people other than the producer have rights to what is produced
- Property is controlled by some centralized power (usually gov't)