

THEORY	KEY UNIT OF SOCIETY	ROLE FOR STATE	ROLE FOR MARKET	VIEW ON WELFARE	VIEW ON EQUALITY
LIBERALISM	Individual	Monitor contract between individuals - disagreement on degree of intervention	Central	Reluctant acceptance	Inequality tolerated, at best equal opportunity
NEO-LIBERALISM	Individual	Ensure nothing done to restrict freedom - minimal intervention	Fundamental	Hinders freedom – at best, safety net	Inequality not unjust
SOCIAL DEMOCRACY	Individual	Reduce inequality - Strong intervention	Central	Crucial – balances market forces	Equality necessary for harmony and a natural right
MARXISM/ NEO-MARXISM	Collective	Limited because supports capitalism	None	Legitimizes capitalist system & oppressive (neos say some potential benefit)	Inequality class-based, equality through socialism (neos support equity)
THIRD WAY	Individual	Guarantee access to services – medium	Central	Necessary but greater personal responsibility needed	Some acceptance of inequality - equal opportunity main focus
FEMINISM	Individual	Disagreement - but state promotes gendered division of labour	Disagreement – only liberals see strong role	Ambivalent – reinforces division of labour but also offers support/opportunities	Inequality gender-based, though socialists focus on class too
ANTI-RACISM	Individual and collective	Ambivalent – part of the problem yet offers opportunities	Disagreement – but generally not strong	Ambivalent – part of the problem yet offers opportunities	Inequality due unequal power held by ethnic minorities
ENVIRONMENTALISM	Disagreement – humans or environment?	Ambivalent – caused many probs but also key mechanism for change	Disagreement – eco growth/technology causes envir probs but also the basis for new envir protections	Encourages consumption & requires constant economic growth	Inequality a problem both intra- & inter-nationally