

## Perspectives on Ideology

### *Social 30-1*

#### *Introduction*

#### **Favour individualism or Collectivism?**

- RI#1 *To what extent should ideology be the foundation of Identity?* explores the relationship between **identity and ideology** and may cause us to favour the general ideological positions of **individualism** or **collectivism**.

#### **Identity and Ideology**

- Personal \_\_\_\_\_ is both the face we present to the world and also the filter through which we see the world.
- Our identity is closely related to how we see the world and our \_\_\_\_\_ **and** \_\_\_\_\_ about the world around us – our \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Ideologies**

- **Society that arrives at an understanding of how the world \_\_\_\_\_ and how the world \_\_\_\_\_ to be is their ideology.**

#### **Ideologies grow out of 3 fundamental questions**

- **What are humans like, and why do they act as they do?**
- **What is the nature of society?**
- **What is the role of the individual in society?**

#### **Ideologies ...**

- There is no right answer to these questions.
- Your task is to think carefully which ideology best allows you to understand the world.
- Considering the past, and today allows you insight.

#### **Point of View**

- Represents an individuals \_\_\_\_\_ based on their personal experiences.

#### **Perspective**

- Reflects the outlook of a particular \_\_\_\_\_ of people of the same age, culture, economics, faith, language or other shared qualities.

#### **Mission of Social Studies???**

- **Why do people do the things they do with, for and to each other?**
  - To make sense of the Human condition*
  - purpose of life?*
  - best way to live with others*
  - best way to relate to the world around us.*

#### ***Social Studies...an issues-based discipline***

- begins where differences of opinion or interpretation emerge.*
- People often take their \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_.*
- Often different perceptions of the same event occurs.*
- Important that we carefully, thoughtfully and respectfully listen to those differences.*

## Controversy in the classroom

- \_\_\_\_\_ others view
- be sensitive to the \_\_\_\_\_ of out words on others
- \_\_\_\_\_ with others pain
- identify with others.

**The Power Of Ideologies...two Influential novels describing \_\_\_\_\_ (fictional societies deliberately portrayed as negative – where ideology controls an unwitting population).**

1. George Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty Four* (1949)
  - “War is peace, Ignorance is strength, Freedom is Slavery” – slogan of Big Brother government.
  - Fictional world with 3 countries (Oceania – totalitarian gov't that censors human behavior and thought- Eurasia and Eastasia
2. Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World* (1932)
  - “Community, Identity, Stability”-motto
  - Everyone is provided for, no violence. Thinking, art, originality, philosophy are forbidden.

### Question #1

**What are Humans Like...** Inhumanity

History with Acts of Kindness and compassion

### Question #2

**What is the Nature of Society?**

**Individualism:** Values \_\_\_\_\_ and worth of the \_\_\_\_\_ over the security of harmony of the group.

**Collectivism:** Values the goals of the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ good over the goals of any one individual.

**To What Extent is an Individualist or a Collectivist Approach Best?**

**Striving for Individualism is not necessarily a bad thing**

*The individual has always had to struggle to keep from being overwhelmed by the tribe. If you try it, you will be lonely often, and sometimes frightened. But no price is too high to pay for the privilege of owning yourself*

– Friedrich Nietzsche 19<sup>th</sup> Century German Philosopher.

**Striving for individual goals alone may not achieve freedom and progress**

- *An Individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individual-istic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity*

-Martin Luther King Jr.

### Question #3

**What is Our Role in Society?**

- Reflects our thinking about human nature and the nature of society.
- Democracy (our society) depends on \_\_\_\_\_.

- Greek philosopher Plato (4<sup>th</sup> Century) believed that the community is best served by citizens doing what they do best. Your role is determined by your natural\_\_\_\_\_ abilities.

### **Our Role in Society...**

- Has to do with more than just your career.
- Our roles in society have to do with purpose.
- WHAT IS THE PURPOSE WE SERVE IN THE WORLD?

### **What is my role in a democratic society?**

- *In democratic Canada, my role in society must be determined in part by **what kind of** \_\_\_\_\_ **you choose to become.***
- *Your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ shape your purpose, and they have an effect on society and the people around you.*

### **Philosophers profoundly impacting and shaping western ideologies....**

#### **1. Thomas Hobbes (1588-1679)**

Ideas:

Agree/Disagree with because

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## 2. John Locke (1632-1704)

Ideas:

Agree/Disagree with because

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## 3. Jean-Jacques Rousseau (1712-1778)

Ideas:

Agree/Disagree with because

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#### **4. Voltaire (1694-1778)**

Ideas:

Agree/Disagree with because

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#### **5. Montesquieu (1689-1755)**

Ideas:

Agree/Disagree with because

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**Moving Forward...**

- In Canada, choice is embedded in our lives.

**To What Extent should we embrace an ideology?**

- Is designed to make you think about the choices that lie ahead of you and how you will confront the issues that face your community, country, and humanity.