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THREE VIEWS OF THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM

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I	<u>Radical</u> Abolish free market State/collective control of the economy	<u>Liberal</u> Keep free market ameliorate problems with govt. programs	<u>Conservative</u> Expand free market Keep govt programs small and taxes low	<u>Reactionary</u> Maximize free market; minimize govt, except for military
	State/Collective control -----			Free Market
II	<u>Radical</u> Minimize inequality in income, power, status	<u>Liberal</u> Reduce, but don't try to eliminate inequality through education, etc.	<u>Conservative</u> Increase inequality through tax cuts for wealthy, etc.	<u>Reactionary</u> Maximize inequality e.g., by racial or gender discrimination
	Equality-----			Inequality
III	<u>Radical</u> Minimize liberty, opportunity, and re- sponsibility to rely on state or collective action	<u>Liberal</u> Balance individual liberty, etc. with collective action, but favor the collective	<u>Conservative</u> Balance individual liberty with collective action, but favor the individual	<u>Reactionary</u> Maximize individual liberty, opportunity and responsibility to the near exclusion of state or collective action
	Collective action and control-----			Individual liberty, opportunity, responsibility