Liberal democracy is a political ideology (that is, political system) that promotes a representative democracy in which the ability of the elected representatives to exercise decision-making power is subject to the rule of law, and is usually moderated by a constitution that emphasizes the protection of the rights and freedoms of individuals, and which places constraints on the leaders and on the extent to which the will of the majority can be exercised against the rights of minorities (see civil liberties). A liberal democracy has elections, multiple political parties, political decisions made through an independent legislature, and an independent judiciary.

**Fascism** is an ideology (generally tied to a mass movement) that considers individual and social interests subordinate to the interests of the <u>state</u>. Fascists seek to forge a type of national unity, usually based on (but not limited to) <u>ethnic</u>, <u>cultural</u>, <u>racial</u>, and <u>religious</u> attributes.

**Communism** is an ideology that promotes establishment of a <u>classless</u>, <u>stateless</u> <u>social organization</u> based on <u>common ownership</u> of the <u>means of production</u>.