

Three Societal Classes for Superior Predictions

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These classifications have useful predictive utility. We classify someone into one of these categories to better predict their future behaviors.

Classifications like liberal, progressive, conservative, Socialist, Marxist, Communist, Capitalist, Globalist, Green, Party X, Party Y, left, right, etc. are increasingly useless to predict behaviors.

The Ruling Class



The **Ruling Class (RC)** seeks to expand and preserve its power over the societies it governs. Wealth, peer acceptance, affluence and global celebrity are also craved although these are not key definers of a Ruling Class person. It is not about adhering to governmental systems like constitutional democracy, socialism, Marxism or communism. It is not about sincerely serving the Survival or Enabling Classes. The Ruling Class exists for its own power. The RC must have a complaint Enabling Class.

This quest for power and control by a Ruling Class has been part of societies for thousands of years. Think back to Egyptian pharaohs with their vast slave populations or to European kings with their dominated subjects, or to East Germany with the Berlin Wall to imprison its people. Democracies as we know them are governing exceptions in the long arc of history. What is new in our times are the technologies that enable our Ruling Class to mutate back toward tyrannies.

The Enabling Class



The **Enabling Class (EC)** promotes and enforces the ideology, narratives and policies of the RC. Some in EC may actually believe they are enhancing the greater good of society. Members of the EC are often malleable to RC wishes, and ironically the RC frequently deems members of the EC as expendable. EC enforcement of RC policies and rules ensures economic benefits and EC social acceptance.

The Surviving Class



The **Surviving or Survival Class (SC)** is the primary economic engine sustaining the Ruling and Enabling Classes. In recent history, capitalism, liberty and property rights motivated the SC. A society without a vibrant SC becomes a failed economy like the Soviet Union or Venezuela. Failed economies presage dour lives for SC and EC citizens.

Although the Ruling Class needs the economic engine of the Surviving Class, the RC fears the SC will be a source of resistance or even defeat of the Ruling Class and its ambitions. Therefore, the RC commonly demonizes or synthesizes enemies within the Surviving Class.