

# Liberalism: Activities

## Applying liberal ideas (A01, A02)

Stated below are a series of different political situations. Carefully read through the descriptions and then consider how liberals would choose to respond to these different situations. Remember to consider also whether Classical Liberals and Modern Liberals would be likely to agree or disagree upon their response. Give reasons to explain your conclusions in the different situations and try to refer back to some of the key elements of liberalism (individualism, freedom, tolerance, equality etc) in doing so.

A state using the tax system as a basis to collect public money to provide a health care service to all in society (i.e. a similar regime to the National Health Service in the United Kingdom).

A government introducing legislation to ban gay relationships.

A government responding to a period of recession and unemployment by investing public money in large infrastructure projects (e.g. roads, bridges etc) in order to restart the economy.

A government making significant cutbacks on health and safety rules that private companies are expected to obey, asserting that business is impaired by them.

A new international agreement encouraging more wealth redistribution from the rich states of the developed world to the states of the developing world.

