

INDIVIDUALISM: THE DISSOLVENT IDEOLOGY PAR EXCELLENCE

There is an important distinction between a subversive ideology and a dissolvent one. A subversive ideology preaches subversion against the powers that be in the societies of a certain type, whereas a dissolvent ideology undermines all society. A subversive ideology can be anticapitalist or antisocialist, democratic or antidemocratic, but it is not against society as such: it just aims at replacing one social structure with another. A dissolvent ideology aims, willy nilly, at the destruction of all social organization. Communism and fascism are the subversive ideologies par excellence, whereas individualism is the dissolvent ideology par excellence, since it places self-interest before social interest.

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