

Authoritarianism

While liberal countries tend to be liberal in much the same way, there are flavours of autocracy, and they pair badly.

The ethnic chauvinist hates the universal Marxist.

The cleric hates the colonel.

Two theocracies of different denominations hate each other.

“Axis” was a kind word for a group of second world war belligerents — Germany, Italy and Japan — that rarely viewed each other as racial or civilisational equals.

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