

Liberalism

The poorer strata everywhere are more liberal or leftist on economic issues; they favor more welfare state measures, higher wages, graduated income taxes, support of trade unions, and so forth.

But when liberalism is defined in non-economic terms — as support of civil liberties, internationalism, etc. — the correlation is reversed.

The more well-to-do are more liberal, the poorer are more intolerant.

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