

Liberal and Conservative ideas in the 1800s.

After the Congress of Vienna, European leaders wanted to return Europe to the way it had been before the French Revolution. These leaders were part of a group called **conservatives**. They included monarchs, noble landowners, and church leaders. Conservative ideas also appealed to peasants who wanted to preserve traditional ways.

Liberals disagreed with the ideas of the conservatives. They were the Middle Class and their ideas came from the Enlightenment. They wanted governments based on written constitutions. They believed in Natural Rights.

Disagreements between conservatives and liberals led to 30 years of turmoil in Europe.

Ideals	LIBERALS	CONSERVATIVES
Who they were?	Lawyers, business owners, writers and other members of the middle class	Kings, noble landowners, and church leaders
Who should rule?	Male Property Owners	Kings and Nobles
Goals of Government	Protect Natural Rights	Keep Peace and Order
What kind of government?	Republic with constitution and separation of powers	Monarchy
Business	Laissez-Faire	Nobles controlled businesses

Conservatives were also challenged by **nationalists**, people who believed that they should have their own country.