

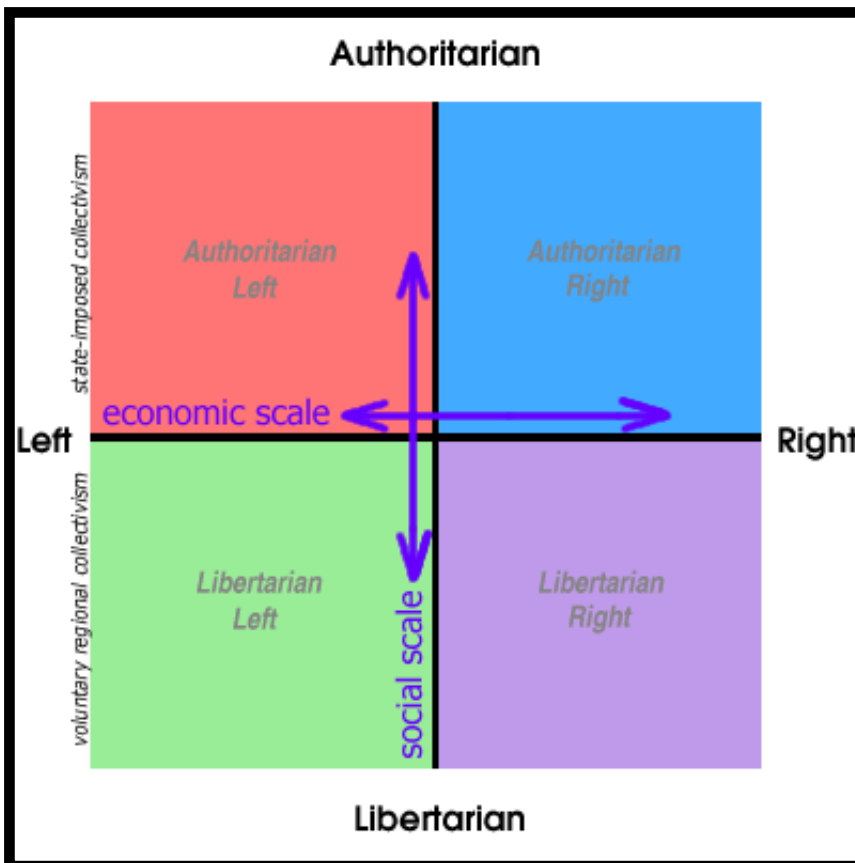
## The Futility of the Left-Right Political Spectrum

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The left-right spectrum is pretty obsolete, what with right wing w.Caesar running crazy deficits to undermine government's ability to meddle with individual freedom to become rich and free from social regulation and left wing governments pledging to balance budgets: typically the reverse of the old Cold War Keynesian days.

In November of 2002 a friend sent me a link to a site, [Political Compass](#), to do a survey to see where I would live on a two-dimensional spectrum consisting of left-right and authoritarian-libertarian, like so:

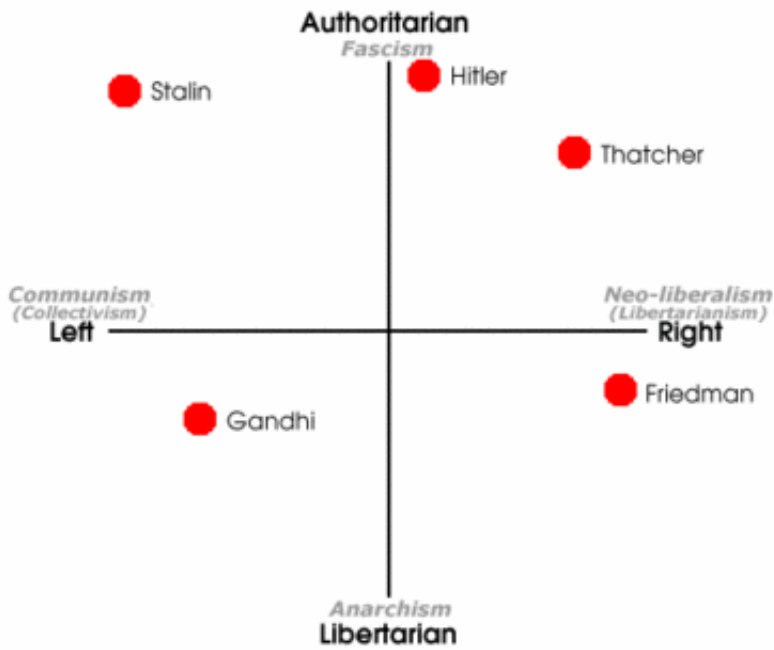


The next two images show estimates of where other well-known people could be on this spectrum.

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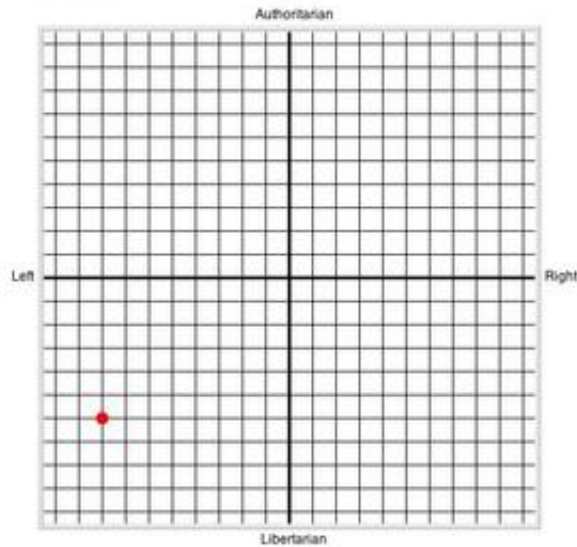


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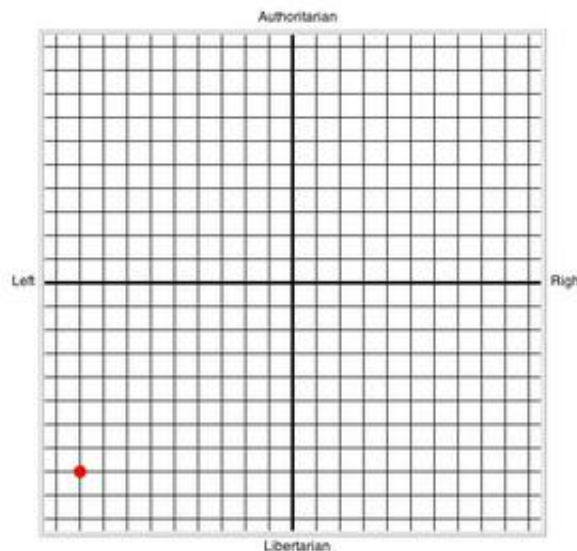
So 2.5 years ago I did the survey and ended up in the bottom left quadrant:

**The Political Compass**  
Economic Left/Right: -8.00  
Social Libertarian/Authoritarian: -6.41



These days, as I get older and wiser and parental and more mature and more committed to the establishment I did the survey again to find myself--shock--even more radical:

**The Political Compass**  
Economic Left/Right: -9.13  
Social Libertarian/Authoritarian: -8.21



Ultimately, I think everyone ought to swing by this website, [Political Compass](http://PoliticalCompass.com), to see where they are. The sooner we get more and more people releasing themselves from the tyranny of a 1-dimensional political spectrum, the better. The next task will be to create 3 and 4-dimensional models.