

# INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY



- Individual liberty is a fundamental concept in **liberalism** and, as such, is fundamental to the functioning of a liberal democracy, like the UK.
- Individual liberty can be secured through ensuring people have their rights secured. These can be civil rights (rights to which people are entitled as a consequence of citizenship) and human rights (rights considered universal, and to which all people should be entitled regardless of citizenship).
- The rights of individuals in the UK are secured through legislation such as the Human Rights Act and students of politics investigate the impact of such legislation on the UK political system.
- Comparisons can also be made with the way in which individual liberty is secured in other countries (e.g. through the US Bill of Rights).