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Summary:

Since the decline of Socialism, the major ideological fault line in British politics, insofar as there has been one, has been between, on the one hand, conservatism and, on the other, various forms of liberalism – espoused by not just the Liberal Democrats, but also in large measure by the Labour Party.

This ideological divide is of critical importance in the fight against Islamism. I say this because there is a myth that has been propagated by liberals that the only answer to Islamism is liberalism. However, liberalism not only lacks the capacity to counter Islamism and has significantly failed to do so, but is seen by many Islamists as part of the back door by which they can take over and impose Islamic law and government on western society. The reasons for this are not hard to find:

- *Liberalism promotes diversity rather than cohesion. The essence of Liberalism is that diversity is 'good', and so should not just be tolerated but actively promoted. The active promotion of diversity by the last government led to various forms of support for Islamist groups that were seeking to pull people away from traditional British values such as freedom of speech and freedom of religion. In other words, it was doing exactly the opposite to community cohesion, which any right-thinking person would understand as encouraging people to adhere to the values that we have historically developed and learned as a nation to cherish – such as democracy, the equality of everyone before the law, freedom of speech, freedom of religion and so forth. All of these are significantly diminished by sharia, which in various aspects treats men and women, Muslims and non Muslims differently. Liberalism's politically correct promotion of groups perceived to have been historically disadvantaged has led to the strange combination of liberals advocating, for example, [partial implementation of sharia in Britain](#) [7], while at the same time supporting legislation that [diminishes historic rights](#) [8] such as freedom of religion for other groups that political correctness regards less favourably. This was vividly illustrated during the time of the last Labour Government, when the Home Secretary went [on the Today programme](#) [9] to argue for freedom of speech for Islamists,*

while only a few hours later sought to pass legislation restricting the same freedom of speech for Christians.

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