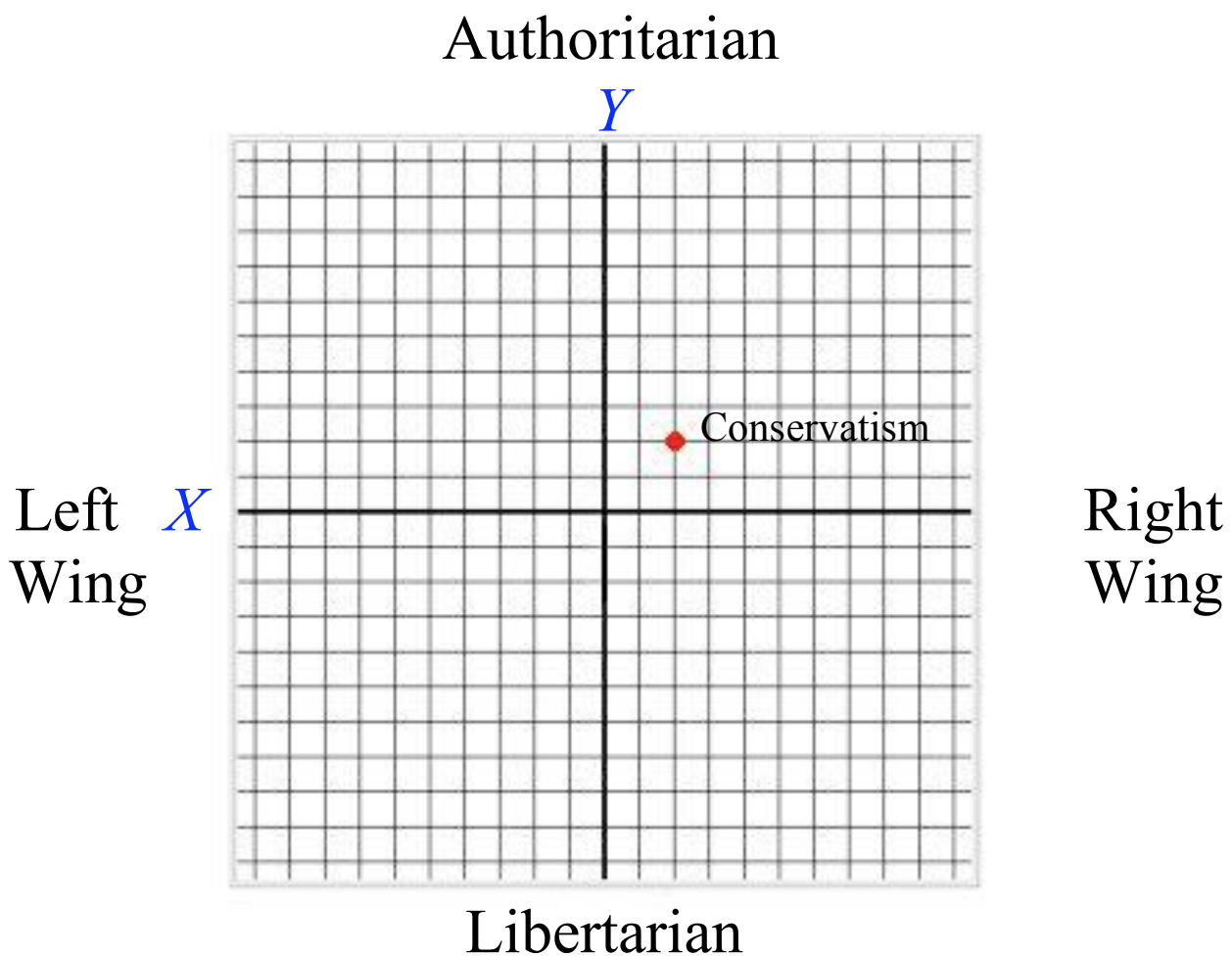


Political Compass

A political compass is one way of viewing ideologies in context with one another.

The **Y** axis represents whether an ideology is more *authoritarian* or more *libertarian*. If an ideology is more authoritarian then the state has more power over the individual. If an ideology is more libertarian then the state has less power over the individual.

The **X** axis represents the political principles of the ideology. If an ideology believes more in society and public ownership then it can be considered to be *left wing*. If an ideology believes more in individualism and private ownership then it can be considered to be *right wing*.



Exercises:

- 1) Place the ideologies on the political compass – you already have conservatism.
- 2) Place as many UK political parties as you know on the political compass.
- 3) Place yourself on the political compass.
- 4) Compare with your colleagues and discuss.