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**The Five Core Ideals of your dream society**

If you had to identify five core ideals of modern society, what would they be? Write an ideal and an explanation of each ideal.

**\*\*ideal**

adjective*satisfying one's conception of what is perfect; most suitable*

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\*\*the Enlightenment: a philosophical movement of the 18th century,characterized by belief in the power of human reason and by innovations in political, religious, and educational doctrine.

**The Seven Core Ideals of the Enlightenment**

**1. Self Government**

Individuals can seek knowledge and use their own reason instead of being told how to think or act by the church or the government. Human autonomy changed the relationship between individual freedom and the government. If individuals should be free to think for themselves, how much power should the state have over individuals’ lives?

**2. Reason**

Freedom means being able to think rationally for yourself. Individuals must move from a life of unreason, of relying on superstition, faith, and blind obedience to a life that revolves around individual reason. People should find truth through science rather than popular opinion or faith. The Scientific method should be used to solve the mysteries of the universe and to solve solutions to problems.

**3. Equality**

All people possess the ability to be enlightened because humans are all equal by nature. The differences among people are less important than their ultimate sameness.

**4. Progress**

Humanity is moving away from a world of immaturity, superstition, and slavery to a world of maturity, reason, and freedom. The world is progressing, and will continue to progress.

**5. Secularism**

Religion and government should be separated. There should be no official religion and people should not be forced to follow a specific religion.

**6. Economics**

A society’s well-being depends on how its economy is structured.

**7. Popular Government**

People are capable of ruling themselves. The nobility is not the only class that deserved to rule. The middle class, or bourgeoisie, should also play a part in politics. Support for popular government developed into support for democracy in the nineteenth century.