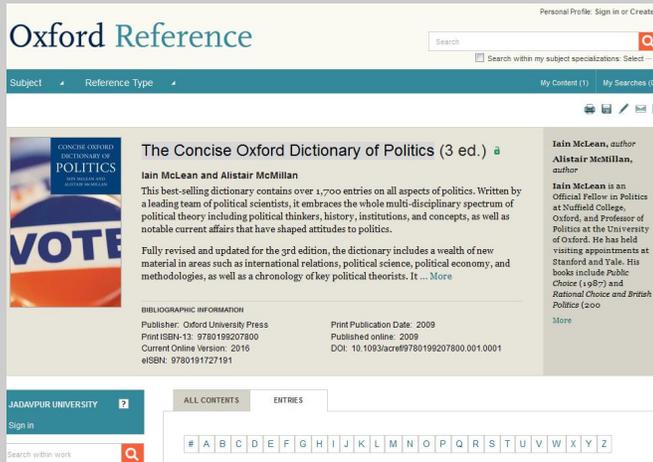


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#### **“anarchy”**

Lack of centralized authority. Within polities social relations are hierarchically ordered by the state or other social institutions. Between polities unilateral power or co-operation may provide order, but there is no generally accepted supreme authority or world government to settle disputes and enforce law. This is why many writers on international relations routinely refer to the international system as an anarchy even though they know very well that it is not anarchic in the vulgar sense of being disorderly.

**See also** [anarchism](#).

#### **“Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty”**

**See** [disarmament](#).

#### **“extreme-right parties”**

Contemporary extreme-right, or radical-right, parties in Western Europe are variously characterized as [populist](#), [nationalist](#), [fascist](#), anti-system, anti-party, anti-Eu and/or anti-immigrant. While none of these are essential, anti-immigrant policy is common to the vast majority. Major examples include the Freedom Party (Austria), [National Front](#) (France), Vlaams Belang (previously Vlaams Blok) (Belgium), Republikaner (Germany), the Danish and Norwegian Progress parties, Alleanza Nazionale (previously MSI) and Lega Nord (Italy), and in the UK the British National Party and [National Front](#). Many of these parties saw a marked increase in their vote share in the 1980s and 1990s so that among others, the French, Italian, Austrian, and Flemish extreme-right have all frequently achieved more than 10 per cent of the vote although some have received setbacks since 2000. While survey research shows that anti-immigrant sentiment is the main factor influencing individual citizen decisions to vote for the extreme-right, it is not the case that the varying fortunes of extreme-right parties can be accounted for by differences between countries in the hostility to immigrants. Instead it appears that the success of extreme-right parties are affected by the electoral system, the reactions of other parties and their own history prior to the immigration issue becoming prominent.

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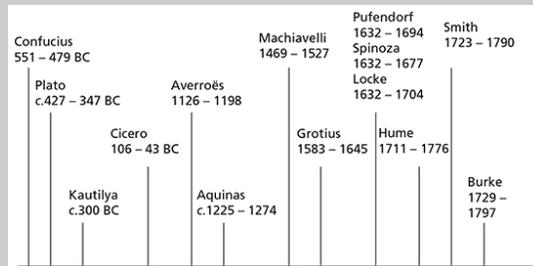
**“Adams, John (1735–1826) American revolutionary politician and political**

theorist.”

Trained as a lawyer in Massachusetts, he helped formulate the argument that the US colonies had never legitimately been subject to the jurisdiction of the British parliament. After independence he was the intellectual leader of the conservative wing of the revolution, arguing in his *Defence of the Constitutions... of the USA* (1787) that the Senate ought to be chosen from among the rich and the intelligent. Until 1796 he nevertheless retained a friendship with the much more radical Jefferson, perhaps because of their common exposure to the French Enlightenment when they had been diplomats in the 1780s. The friendship was broken by Adams's partisan Presidency (1797–1801), although Adams was less extreme in his partisanship of urban, commercial policies than the fiery Hamilton. It was resumed in 1812 and led to a warm and wise exchange of letters which ended with the death of both men on the same day—4 July 1826, the fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

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