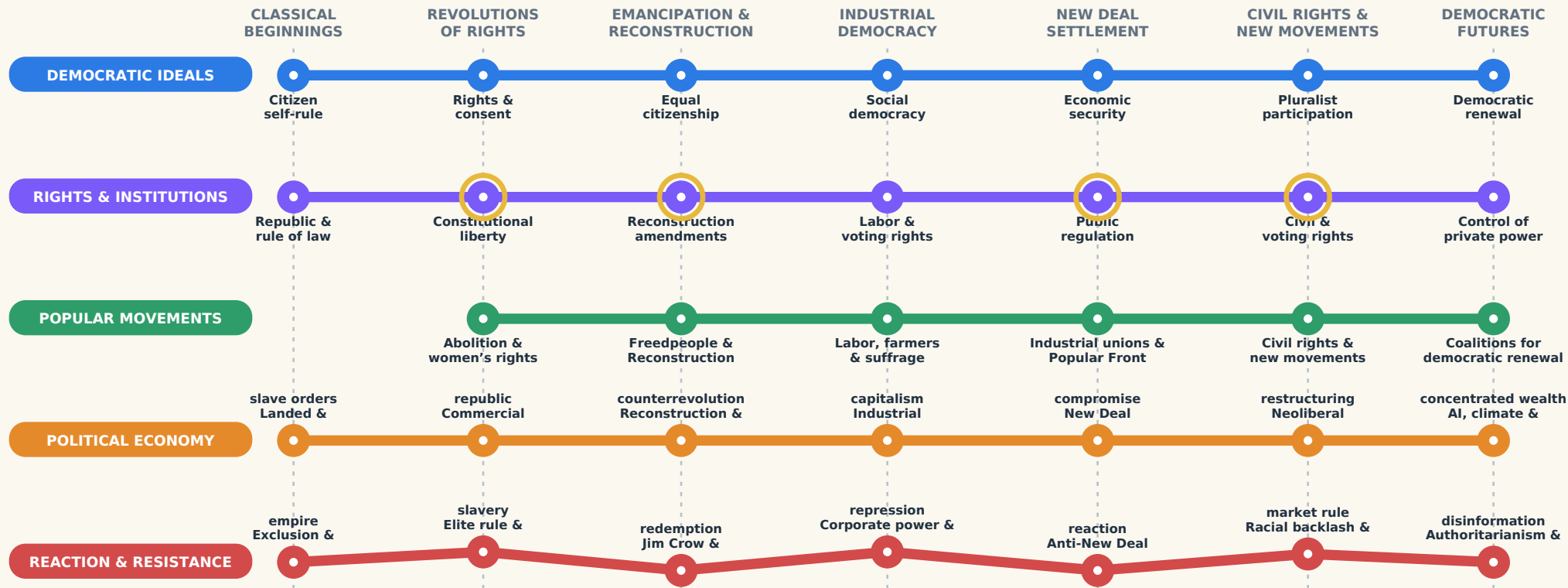


THE DEMOCRATIC TRADITION AT A GLANCE

A cognitive map of the ideas, institutions, movements, and conflicts that have shaped the democratic tradition.



HOW TO READ THE MAP

- Ideas redefine what democracy promises.
- Institutions turn claims into enforceable rights.
- Movements expand the democratic “we.”
- Economic systems shape democratic possibility.
- Reaction repeatedly narrows or reverses gains.

THE CENTRAL LESSON

Democracy advances when ideas, institutions, organized movements, and material power reinforce one another. It retreats when concentrated wealth, social hierarchy, and authoritarian organization break those connections.

QUESTIONS FOR DEMOCRATIC INQUIRY

- Who is included in “the people”?
- What powers are democratized - or left private?
- Which movements created the advance?
- What forces organized the backlash?
- What would democratic renewal require now?