

Hearnshaw's  
10 principles of conservatism

1. **Reverence for the past:**
  - ◇ societies accumulate wisdom from their customs and traditions
  - ◇ they respect the accomplishments of their ancestors
  
2. **Organic conception of society:**
  - ◇ society is greater than the sum of their parts
  - ◇ take on a communal identity and unity
  
3. **Constitutional continuity**
  - ◇ constitutions are indissoluble
  - ◇ carry the proven political norms and practices of the past to the present
  
4. **Opposition to revolution**
  - ◇ reject radical change because it destroys proven customs and institutions
  
- ◇ 5. **Cautious reform**
  - ◇ change should be evolutionary and carefully deliberated
  
- ◇ 6. **Religious basis of the state**
  - ◇ state has a moral, religious and sacred character beyond the political and legal personality
  
- ◇ 7. **Divine source of legitimate authority**
  - ◇ political and legal authority is divine in its authority
  
- ◇ 8. **Priorities of duties to rights**
  - ◇ individuals have civic duties as well as personal rights
  - ◇ people are obligated to fulfill them in the interest of the entire community (body politic)
  
- ◇ 9. **Loyalty**
  - ◇ to family, church, school, party, institutions and country
  
- ◇ 10. **Common sense and pragmatism**
  - ◇ practical action rather than theory
  - ◇ devoted to sound administration rather than prolific legislation