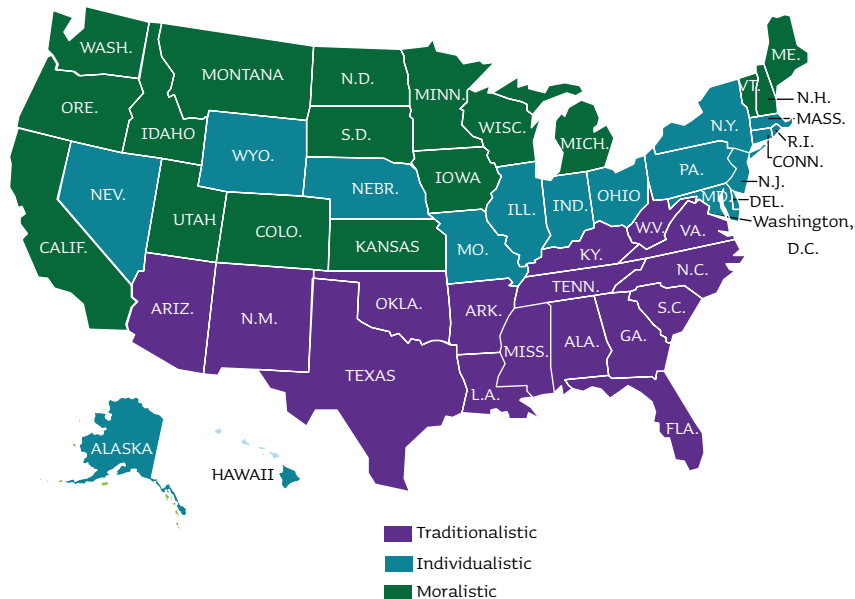


FIGURE 16.2

THE REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF POLITICAL CULTURES WITHIN THE STATES



Although we tend to think of the United States as one large political community, scholars have traced distinct political traditions, or “subcultures,” within the country that reflect the east-to-westward migrations of different religious and ethnic communities. The most frequently used classification is that of Daniel Elazar, with three dominant subcultures: the moralistic, the individualistic, and the traditionalistic.

Source: Virginia Gray, “The Socioeconomic and Political Context of States,” in Virginia Gray and Russell Hanson, eds., *Politics of the American States: A Comparative Analysis*, 8th ed. (Washington, DC: CQ Press, 2004), 24.