

Political Ideology Graphic Organizer

Some of the chart is already filled in for you, however you will need to complete the rest. For the section about Issues, you must provide specific examples of current issues. You may copy and paste and make the changes/additions necessary, then save it under another name.

Ideology	Radical	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Reactionary
Government involvement	More	More	Some involvement	Less	Less
Speed of changes in government	Rapid change, many are willing to use violence to accomplish it	Gradual change, bigger government	Go-slow or Wait-and-See approach	No change or very little change, smaller government	Return to conditions of the past; "better times"
Political Parties	Communists Socialists Dem. Centrist Rep. Conservatives ←Independents→				
Issues	Radical	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Reactionary
Taxes (recent Tax Reform)	Higher taxes in general, especially on the rich. Taxes and increased government control of economy to be used for increased government services.	Not as 'radical' as Radicals, still generally believing in higher taxes on the rich and higher taxes in general for purposes of providing more for the people. Greater	Mixture of both sides depending on individual conditions. Increasing taxes on some (higher income), reducing on others, cutting some regulations and keeping others in place.	Lower taxes or big tax cuts. Reduction in government intervention, regulations, and services. The 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act and the 2018 Tax Reform bills exemplify the thinking of this side. General thinking is that more money kept by the people	Lower taxes or big tax cuts. Reduction in government intervention, regulations, and services

		<p>government regulation and services. Many have argued that Conservative politicians' tax reform will hurt the poor.</p>		<p>will be more money that can be spent or used by businesses to invest in growth and jobs.</p>	
<p>Defense (FY2019 Spending, Middle Eastern conflict)</p>	<p>Similar to Liberals in philosophy of reduced defense spending.</p>	<p>Reduce government spending on military, generally interventionist foreign policy but in favor of reduction of troops in action. Opposition to the FY2019 Defense budget is an example of this attitude. Those who support continued withdrawal from</p>	<p>Mixture of both sides depending on individual conditions. Reducing military budget but with limited cost to effectiveness, or maintaining budget as much as possible without significant increase.</p>	<p>More hawkish views lend themselves to support for policy favoring increase in military spending for purposes of defense and being militarily prepared. Generally in favor of Reduction of US involvement in world conflicts. The Senate approval of the FY2019 Defense budget of \$716 billion is an example of this</p>	<p>Similar to Conservatives in terms of increased defense spending.</p>

		Middle East also exemplify some liberal attitudes.		attitude.	
Environment (Paris Accords, coal, Dakota Pipeline)	More radical view on protecting the environment may include violence or dramatic changes in the conduct of businesses and people. Radicals share views of Liberals but hold them to extremes, possibly desiring significant lifestyle and economic changes to be implemented to meet those requirements deemed necessary to protect	Support for more government regulation of the environment and business behavior in regards to effects on the environment. Support for alternative energies and opposition to traditional fossil-fuels. Have continued to oppose coal industry, Dakota Pipeline, and laments withdrawal from Paris Accords.	Mixture of both sides depending on individual conditions. Slower, more 'wait-and-see' and compromising approach to environmental issues. Also includes overlap of Conservative and Liberal Environmental beliefs.	Support for exploration of federal land for new energy resources and continued practice of most economically efficient behaviors. The Dakota Access Pipeline and maintenance of the coal industry have been supported by Conservatives. Recent regulations protecting the environment have also been repealed, and the US has withdrawn from the Paris Accords.	Shares many views of conservatives. May be more radical or extreme in their beliefs and even more opposed to regulations than traditional conservatives.

	environment.				
Social Policy (Abortion, affirmative action)	More rapid, progressive change in societal behaviors and policies. Support many of the same views as liberals but demand more fast-paced, hard-hitting action.	Generally support freedom of choice for abortion, oppose public prayer in schools, and favor affirmative action policies. The recent debacle with the retirement of Justice Kennedy and nomination of Justice Kavanaugh exemplifies liberal attitudes, many having shown concern that 'Roe v. Wade' would be overturned. The #MeToo movement's support from many liberals	Mixture of both sides depending on individual conditions. Some support social liberalism and others support conservative social attitudes.	Generally oppose abortion, support prayer in schools, oppose affirmative action, and support conservative social attitudes (dress, music, behavior, etc.). Recent cases brought against Ivy-League schools indicating Affirmative Action resulting in discrimination against Asian and Pacific Americans is one issue which many Conservatives have been watching.	Shares many views with Conservatives, but may also support return to older ways. Those supporting a reversal in social policies, such as outlawing abortion or eliminating Affirmative Action, in radical ways can exemplify reactionary thought.

		also exemplifies their thinking.			
Crime and Gun Rights	Shares many of the views of liberals, but are more extreme. Gun regulation is taken to the extreme, some demanding they be removed from individual citizens' hands altogether. Criminals should be given more rights, and law enforcement should be more regulated.	Believe problems that cause crime should be solved, defendant's rights should be guarded carefully. Gun access should be restricted in light of recent, publicized mass shootings. Law Enforcement should be improved to reduce incidents of discriminatory behavior (shooting of African-Americans, primarily)	Mixture of both sides depending on individual conditions. Some support increased gun regulation, but not to the extent that Liberals favor it, and some may support greater leeway being given to law enforcement, but not to the extent that Conservatives would favor it.	Believe criminals should not be coddled and should not be allowed to hide behind laws. Greater crackdown on illegal activities if necessary, and staunch support of gun rights and the 2 nd Amendment despite arguments from other elements of society.	Many of the same views as Conservatives.