

Political Ideology Spectrum

← LEFT WING		MODERATE/CENTRISTS		RIGHT WING →	
← Democrats			Republicans →		
<u>Radical</u>	<u>Liberal</u>	<u>Moderate</u>	<u>Conservative</u>	<u>New Right /Religious Right</u>	<u>Reactionary</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liberal • use violence to achieve social change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • believes the national government should be active in helping peoples • promotes health, education, justice, and equal opportunities • supports social change • supports higher taxes to pay for government programs • prefers restrictions on businesses • prefers larger government, needed to help people with programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • holds the beliefs of both liberals and conservatives (issue by issue) • pick issues and ideals from both liberals and conservatives • “in the middle” • most refer to themselves as “fiscally conservative, but socially liberal” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • believes the national government should not be active in helping people • people should learn to help themselves • does not like social change, prefers things to stay the same • prefers limited national government control • prefers power and decision making to be made at the most local level (state or town) not at the national level • want lower taxes • supports businesses and a strong economy • prefers smaller government 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • conservative • believes government should pass laws to promote religion, morality, and values 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ultra-conservative • believes in very little or no government control