

Test Your Political Ideology

Are You Liberal, Conservative, or Something Else?

Directions: Complete the three on-line political ideology tests and answer the reflection questions.

Instructions...

1. Visit "The World's Smallest Political Quiz" <http://www.theadvocates.org/quiz/quiz.php>
2. Complete the ideology Quiz.
3. Answer the Question regarding "World's Smallest" (see below)
4. Visit the "Nolan Chart" <http://www.polquiz.com>
5. Complete the "Nolan Chart" ideology quiz
6. **Answer the Questions** regarding "Nolan Chart" (see below)
7. Visit "Political Compass" <http://www.politicalcompass.org>
8. Complete the "Political Compass" ideology quiz
9. Review the Results page (which contains your results, and the results of world leaders)
10. **Answer the questions** regarding "Political Compass" (see below)
11. Visit "Beyond Red & Blue" <http://www.people-press.org/quiz/political-typology/>
12. Complete the Ideology Quiz
13. **Answer the Questions** regarding "Beyond Red & Blue" (see below)
14. Visit "I Side With" <https://www.isidewith.com/political-quiz>
15. Complete the Candidate Quiz

Note: You must know what quadrant you are in (from Political Compass) for class – so please remember!

Reflection Questions... [Due: Bring a typed hard copy to class on **THE BLOCK.**]

World's Smallest:

- 1) With so few questions proposed to takers of this test, what are the failings and limitations of the design?
- 2) Opinion: Did ten questions give you an accurate read of your politics? Why?

Nolan Chart:

- 3) What was the category that the Nolan Chart said was the best match for you? What were your percentage agreements in the Social and Economic categories?
- 4) Do you think you actually match with this category? Do you feel Social or Economic was a closer match? Which questions do you feel were most accurate? (minimum 1 paragraph)

Political Compass:

- 5) What quadrant did you find yourself placed in?
- 6) What were your coordinates?
- 7) Are there any known world leaders/figures that are close to where you are? Reflect.

Beyond Red & Blue:

- 8) What category did you fit into? What percentage of American public fit into your category?
- 9) What are some of your "defining values?"
- 10) Who makes up your group?
- 11) What are some things you learned about your Political Typology when comparing yours to others?

I Side With:

- 12) Who were you matched up with? What are the listed factors that you share with the top candidate? What percentage match are you?
- 13) Do you agree that you are a good match with this Presidential candidate in 2016? Why?

Overall:

- 14) How do you think the following has shaped your ideology (select at least 3 to talk about): race, gender, age, religion, and socioeconomic level, or the media? How have these factors contributed to your political socialization?
- 15) Do your test results **support** or **contradict** what you believe your political ideology to be? (minimum 2 paragraphs)

Key Terms That May Be Helpful In Your Understanding...

Conservative: A political ideology that, although changing in meaning, adheres to the following principles and practices: on economic matters, it does not favor government efforts to ensure that everyone has a job; on civil rights, does not favor strong federal action to desegregate schools and increase hiring opportunities for minorities; and on political conduct, does not favor tolerance toward protest demonstrations, legalizing marijuana, or protecting the rights of the accused.

Liberal: A political ideology that, although changing in meaning, adheres to the following principles and practices: on economic matters, it favors government efforts to ensure that everyone has a job; on civil rights, it favors strong federal action to desegregate schools and increase hiring opportunities for minorities; and on political conduct, it favors tolerance toward protest demonstrations, legalizing marijuana, and protecting the rights of the accused.

Libertarians: An adherent of a political ideology that is conservative on economic matters and liberal on social ones. The ideology's goal is the creation of a small, weak government.

Populists: An adherent of a political ideology that is liberal on economic matters and conservative on social ones. It believes the government should reduce economic inequality but regulate personal conduct.

Authoritarian: Of or pertaining to a governmental or political system, principle, or practice in which individual freedom is held as completely subordinate to the power or authority of the state, centered either in one person or a small group that is not constitutionally accountable to the people. Favors complete obedience or subjection to authority as opposed to individual freedom.