NAZI!
PINKO!
I'd like your vote.

What do you have to offer?

The power to take his money and give it to you.

Sold.
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Political Ideologies & The Left-Right Spectrum
LA vs New York - Kids Edition
Those videos have absolutely nothing to do with today’s subject BUT kids rock and I laughed...so there...
Let’s take a look at ideology now...
Ideologies: Liberalism and Conservatism

Ideology: “a consistent and integrated system of ideas, values, and beliefs” (T. Dye, P 43)
Brief Overview of All Types of Ideologies
Americans: Liberal, Moderate, Conservative. 1972-2008
**Americans' Political Views, by Year**

How would you describe your political views – very conservative, conservative, moderate, liberal or very liberal?

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Based on annual averages

**Source:** Gallup Politics, Jan 3 2017
Liberalism

As stated in the text, Modern, or Contemporary Liberalism combines a belief in a strong govt. to provide economic security and protection for civil rites with a belief in freedom from govt. intervention in social conduct.

Liberals look at big govt. as a good and necessary for positively changing people’s lives through the exercise of govtl. Power.

*Source: T. Dye, Politics in America*
LIBERALS generally FAVOR:
* An active, powerful government in economic affairs (it was liberals who created SS, Medicare, Medicaid, welfare, food stamps, public education, etc)

* Using the federal government to end racial discrimination of any form

* Using the federal government to eliminate poverty

* Using the federal government to eliminate slums

* Using the federal government to create jobs

* Using the federal government to provide medical care for all

* Using the federal government to protect the environment
Evolution of the American Left

Late 20th Century Leftist
Question Authority

Early 21st Century Leftist
IF YOU Question Authority YOU ARE A RACIST
OK--I ADMIT IT.
I DELETED MY E-MAILS.

THEN I ERASED THEM FROM MY SERVER.

THEN I REMOVED MY HARD DRIVE AND RAN OVER IT WITH A STEAMROLLER.

THE CRUMBLED BITS WERE SCOOPED UP WITH A DUSTBUSTER...

...WHICH I EMPTIED INTO A BLENDER THAT GROUND THEM INTO A FINE DUST TOO SMALL TO BE SEEN BY THE HUMAN EYE!

OR AS I CALL IT----TRANSPARENCY!
Conservatism

According to our text, Modern Conservatism combines a belief in free markets, limited govt., and individual self-reliance in economic affairs w/a belief in the values of tradition, law, and morality in social affairs.

Conservatives generally have a less optimistic sense of human nature and thus generally place their faith in institutions such as law, traditional values, order, family, church, and community.

*Source: T. Dye, Politics in America*
CONSERVATIVES generally FAVOR:
* Limited government interference in economic affairs

* A system that relies on free markets to provide & distribute goods & services

* A system that keeps regulatory activity to a minimum

* A system that limits social welfare programs to the truly “need”

* Strengthening government’s power to regulate social conduct (i.e., restrictions on abortion; endorsement of school prayer and so on)

* A war on drugs and porn

* Stricter, tougher criminal penalties for criminals
BLIND IDIOT!
RAT FINK! PERVERT!
COMMIE! BLASPHEMER!
IMMORAL, CREEP, AND
SCUM OF THE EARTH!

BASH BASH
BASH BASH

ATHEIST

HEY! LET'S HAVE A
LITTLE RESPECT
HERE!

ATHEIST

[Signature]
PUTIN UNFRIEND ME ON FACEBOOK?!
I'LL SHOW THAT LOSER!

President Trump's shoot-from-the-hip politically incorrect impulsiveness is so refreshing!

HERE'S THE KEY TO THE WHITE HOUSE!
THANKS!

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## Conservative versus Liberal on the Issues

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Libertarianism

libertarian: A person who upholds the principles of individual liberty especially of thought and action. Libertarians believe in, and pursue, personal freedom while maintaining personal responsibility.

Libertarians believe all Americans should be free to live their lives and pursue their interests as they see fit as long as they do no harm to another.

In a nutshell, they are advocates for a smaller government, lower taxes and more freedom

Source: Webster’s Online dictionary; Libertarian Party website
LIBERTARIANS generally OPPOSE:
* Govt. interference both in the marketplace and in the private lives of citizens

* Most environmental regulations, consumer protection laws, antidrug laws, and govt restrictions on abortion

* Large amounts of spending on national defense

* Foreign aid of any kind
LIBERTARIANS generally FAVOR:
*A small govt w/limited functions that protect natural rights

*Privatization of many govt services

*Minimal welfare benefits

*Low to no taxes

*Favor a limited role for the US in world affairs
Socialism

The text defines Democratic Socialism as “an economic system in which basic industries, banks, agricultural systems, and communications networks are owned and controlled by the govt. at either the local or national level”

*Source: T. Dye, Politics in America*
Socialists generally FAVOR:
* A large role for the government in all areas of human existence
* Nationalizing certain industries
* Instituting public works programs
* Raising taxes esp. on the better off (they see the govt as “robin hood” and the rich as, well the rich...a nice, fat target to plunder...Communist credo: "from each according to their talents to each according to their needs")
* Drastically scaling back U.S. defense spending and the US role in the world
Socialists generally OPPOSE:
* The capitalist system
* Unequal distribution of wealth
* The death penalty
* Everything—other than some humanitarian interventions and some aspects of US foreign aid—America does/stands for abroad
The Classic L-R spectrum makes little sense to me...too many contradictions...

The next slide contains a spectrum that makes FAR more sense to me...
The True Political Spectrum

LEFT

Total State Rule
Fascism
Communism
Socialism
Islam
Totalitarianism
Tyranny

U.S.A.

Limited Government
Rule of Law
Individual Rights
Free Economy

No Government
Anarchy
Chaos

RIGHT
Where on this chart would you place…

a) Barack Obama
b) Donald Trump
c) Hillary Clinton
d) Yourself
Liberal to Very Conservative by State
Does the ideology of your teachers impact what and how you are taught?
## Age and Ideology

Thinking about social issues, would you say your views on social issues are conservative, moderate, or liberal?

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Thinking about economic issues, would you say your views on economic issues are conservative, moderate, or liberal?

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Other Ideologies

ANTI-DEMOCRATIC

- Fascism: far right, e.g., Hitler, Mussolini
- Marxism: left, e.g., Marx, Engels
- Leninism: left, e.g., Lenin
- Communism: left, e.g., Stalin, Mao

SOCIALISM

- Egalitarian, state-owned economic system (as opposed to capitalism), left, e.g., Sweden
World’s Smallest Political Quiz
Break into groups and let’s come up with conservative, liberal and libertarian arguments for the 3 questions I pose on the ideology work sheet...