Chapter 2
Ideology:
Ideas in Conflict
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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?

- % Total conservative
- % Moderate
- % Total liberal

Based on annual averages

GALLUP

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 gov’tln. 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
NEWS ITEM: MORE AMERICANS DEPENDANT ON FOOD STAMPS, GOV'T AID THAN EVER BEFORE.

HO! HO! HO!

AMATEUR...
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 “needy”

* Strengthening govt’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
Conservative versus Liberal on the Issues

**Conservative**
- free markets
- limited government
- individual self-reliance
- tradition
- law
- morality

**Liberal**
- business regulation
- active government
- public services
- civil rights
- consumer protectionism
- environmental protection
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 Left vs. Right Political Spectrum

Left Wing
- Anarchism
- Communism
- Socialism
- Liberalism

Right Wing
- Conservatism
- Monarchism
- Nazism
- Fascism

Slavery  Freedom  Slavery
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

RIGHT

No Government
Anarchy
Chaos

http://therightplanet.com
Political Ideologies &
The Left-Right Spectrum

FUNNY POLITICAL TYPES
NOTE: Sometimes it's the details that make all the difference.
Political Ideology: Crash Course
Government and Politics
Where on this chart would you place...

a) Barack Obama
b) Donald Trump
c) Hillary Clinton
d) Yourself
Does the ideology of your teachers impact what and how you are taught?

**Political Ideology of Professors**

- **All**
  - Liberal: 51%
  - Middle of the Road: 17%
  - Conservative: 28%

- **Humanities**
  - Liberal: 76%
  - Middle of the Road: 9%
  - Conservative: 15%

- **Social Sciences**
  - Liberal: 72%
  - Middle of the Road: 14%
  - Conservative: 14%

- **Biological Sciences**
  - Liberal: 61%
  - Middle of the Road: 17%
  - Conservative: 23%

- **Physical Sciences**
  - Liberal: 54%
  - Middle of the Road: 19%
  - Conservative: 26%

- **Engineering**
  - Liberal: 40%
  - Middle of the Road: 22%
  - Conservative: 38%

- **Law**
  - Liberal: 36%
  - Middle of the Road: 22%
  - Conservative: 42%

- **Business**
  - Liberal: 31%
  - Middle of the Road: 17%
  - Conservative: 52%
## 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 and liberal arguments for the 3 questions I pose on the ideology work sheet...