

Voting Trends/Process and Political socialization (10.3/10.4)

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Task 1

View notes posted on the class website 10.3/10.4

- complete definitions and central questions on your study guide while viewing

Task 2

Complete reading “Do children just take their parent’s beliefs?” on the class website

Task 3

What Americans value – political ideology

- a. Political Ideology – more or less consistent set of views concerning which policies government should pursue
- b. Liberals and conservatives often disagree about the role of government.
- c. Conservatives tend to believe that there should be less government intervention in economic matters, while liberals feel there should be less governmental regulation of social and political matters.
- d. Libertarian – minimal government control of both economic and social issues
- e. Totalitarian – complete government control of economic and social issues

Complete Identifying Influences of Your Political Socialization

List the agents of political socialization that have influenced your views the most on the following issues:

- 1. Capital punishment _____
- 2. Abortion _____
- 3. Prayer in Schools _____
- 4. Government Aid to the Poor _____
- 5. Gun Control _____
- 6. Censorship (of music, internet, TV, etc.) _____
- 7. Standards in Public Education _____
- 8. Affirmative Action _____
- 9. Taxes _____
- 10. Nationalized Health Care _____
- 11. Foreign Policy of Intervention in other countries’ affairs _____
- 12. Minority Rights (African Americans, immigrants, gays, etc.) _____
- 13. War and Peace _____
- 14. Freedom of Speech _____
- 15. Right to Privacy _____

Discussion Questions for Reflection

- 1. Do you consider your self to be a liberal, moderate or conservative? Explain why.

- 2. How do your political beliefs compare to that of others in your family? How similar / different? Why?

- 3. Based upon your responses the fifteen issues, what conclusions can you draw about the development of your political beliefs?

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Complete Quiz: Identifying Ideology

Directions: Fill in the following blanks with the letter that best describes the statements.

A. Liberal

B. Conservative

_____ 1. Our national government should tax less and therefore allow its citizens to decide how best to spend their own money.

_____ 2. When companies are given more economic freedoms they create more jobs and opportunities for citizens to become prosperous.

_____ 3. Freedom of speech should be protected even if we find that speech offensive.

_____ 4. Parents and students should be given the choice as to what type of schooling is best for their children, even if that choice is a religious school.

_____ 5. Our government has an obligation to provide for all of its citizens basic necessities like food and healthcare.

Complete Quiz: Identifying Ideology

1. Go to <http://idealog.org/en/quiz/2086624c>

2. Read Introduction and click 'Next →' to get to Tutorial.

3. Do the **Tutorial**, read information and complete the questions by clicking Next →
This process will help you to understand the political spectrum and the terms liberal, conservative, libertarian and communitarian.

Complete tutorial and Do NOT quit application!

4. Click Next → & Go to **Self test** and complete all 20 questions

5. What were your results? Which ideological box did you fall under?