

WHERE DO YOU STAND POLITICALLY?

To find out, take the world-famous...

World's Smallest Political Quiz

CLASSROOM EDITION · Same ten questions as the online Quiz at theadvocates.org/quiz

Date _____

Class / period _____

Taken by: ☐ student ☐ family member

For years, politics has been described as a choice between left (liberal) and right (conservative). That single line leaves a lot of people out. This Quiz asks about personal issues and economic issues separately, then places you on a two-axis chart that gives a

fuller picture of the political map. The Quiz measures *tendencies*, not absolutes. Your result shows which political group agrees with you most. There are no right answers, and it is not a test.

For each statement, circle A if you Agree, M for Maybe (or not sure), or D if you Disagree.

How do you stand on

PERSONAL ISSUES?

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| 1 | Adults should be free to use recreational drugs without criminal penalties. | A | M | D |
| 2 | Government should not regulate private sexual conduct between consenting adults. | A | M | D |
| 3 | Government should not ban books from libraries or schools because of the ideas they contain. | A | M | D |
| 4 | People should be free to move across borders to live and work. | A | M | D |
| 5 | Citizens should be free to burn their own country's flag in protest. | A | M | D |

SCORING 20 for every A, 10 for every M, 0 for every D: _____

How do you stand on

ECONOMIC ISSUES?

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| 6 | Taxes and government spending should both be cut significantly. | A | M | D |
| 7 | People should be able to start a business without government licenses or permits. | A | M | D |
| 8 | Prices and wages should be set by the market, not the government. | A | M | D |
| 9 | Businesses should face far fewer government regulations. | A | M | D |
| 10 | Parents should control their children's education, with tax money following the child. | A | M | D |

SCORING 20 for every A, 10 for every M, 0 for every D: _____

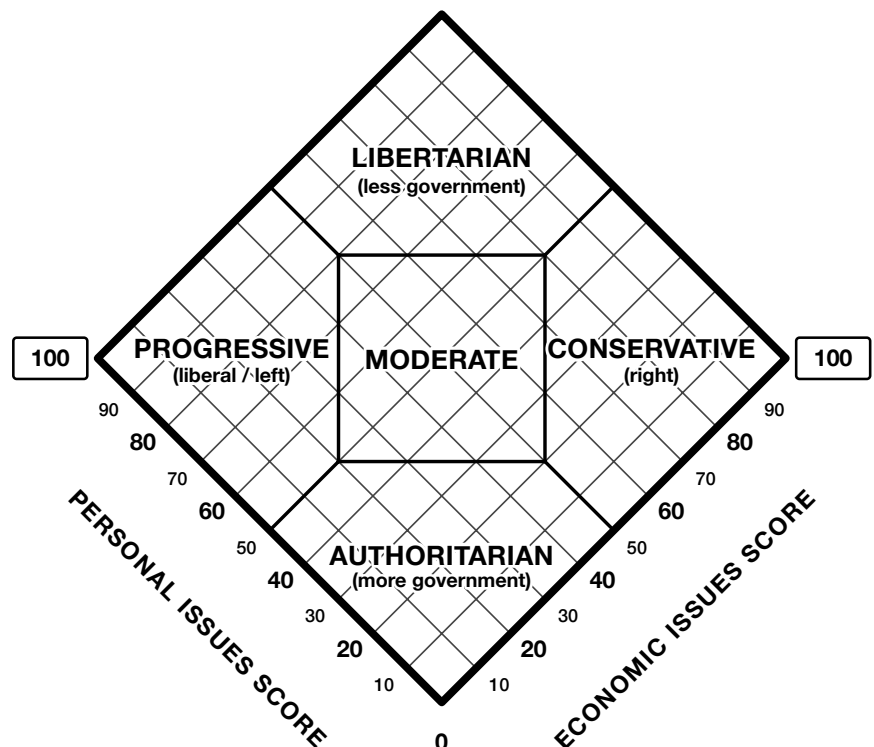
NOW FIND YOUR PLACE ON THE CHART

- Find your **personal** score on the **lower-left** edge of the chart. Follow the grid line that runs **up and to the right**.
- Find your **economic** score on the **lower-right** edge of the chart. Follow the grid line that runs **up and to the left**.
- Mark a dot where the two lines cross. The region your dot lands in is the political group that agrees with you most.

EXAMPLE

Personal 80 and economic 30: start at 80 on the lower left and 30 on the lower right. The lines cross in the Progressive region.

Turn the page to see what each region means.



WHAT DOES YOUR PLACE ON THE CHART MEAN?

Each region is a political outlook with a long history and thoughtful people in it. No region is a wrong answer. Your dot shows which outlook agrees with you most, and how close you sit to the others. A dot near a border means you share a lot with both neighbors.

LIBERTARIAN top of the chart

Libertarians support a great deal of freedom of choice in both personal and economic matters. They believe government's proper job is to protect people from force and fraud, and that voluntary cooperation, free markets and personal responsibility work better than central planning. They tolerate wide differences in how people choose to live.

CONSERVATIVE right of the chart

Conservatives generally favor freedom of choice in economic matters but support official standards in personal matters. They value institutions and traditions that have proven themselves over generations, and they support free enterprise. Many want government to protect what they see as the moral and family foundations of the community.

MODERATE center of the chart

Moderates favor selective government action and judge each issue on its own merits rather than by a single principle. They look for practical solutions and compromise, and tend to keep an open mind on political questions.

PROGRESSIVE left of the chart

Progressives generally favor freedom of choice in personal matters but support a larger government role in the economy. They see government as the way a society protects the vulnerable, checks concentrated corporate power and widens opportunity. They tolerate social diversity and work for what they describe as greater economic fairness.

AUTHORITARIAN bottom of the chart

Authoritarians favor strong government control over both personal and economic life. They see central authority as necessary for order, security and shared national goals. The outlook appears on both the left and the right: on the left it has emphasized state control of the economy, and on the right national identity and social conformity.

Many moderates feel that government serves as a useful check on too much liberty, and that liberty serves as a check on too much government. A Moderate result can also mean your answers pulled in different directions on different issues.

WHY TWO SCORES INSTEAD OF ONE?

On the familiar left-right line, a person who wants legal marijuana and lower taxes has nowhere to stand. Scoring personal and economic issues separately fixes that. Left and right still appear on the chart, as its left and right regions, but the chart also has room for people who want more freedom on both kinds of issues (the top), more government on both (the bottom), or a mix (the center).

TALK ABOUT IT

1. Before you took the Quiz, which label would you have picked for yourself? Did your result match? What explains the difference?
2. Which statement was the hardest to answer? What would you need to know to feel sure?
3. If a family member also took the Quiz, how close were your dots? Where do you think your views came from?
4. Pick the region farthest from your dot. What is the strongest reason a thoughtful person might hold that outlook?