

Letters to Families and Administrators

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LETTER TO FAMILIES

[Date]

Dear families,

In the coming [week / weeks], our [course name] class will study how people form their political views and how political scientists describe them. As part of the unit, students will take the World's Smallest Political Quiz, a short survey of ten statements about personal and economic issues. Each student's answers produce two scores and a place on a chart with five regions: Libertarian, Progressive, Conservative, Authoritarian and Moderate.

Why we use it. The Quiz gives students a starting point for discussing where views come from, how political beliefs can be measured, and what each of the major outlooks believes. The unit supports [AP U.S. Government Unit 4 / our state civics standard].

How we keep it fair and private.

- Students don't put their names on their Quiz results, and no one is asked to share a result.
- The class sees totals only.
- No political view is graded. Students are graded on the quality of their reasoning.
- Each of the five outlooks gets equal time, described the way its own supporters describe it.

About the materials. The Quiz and lesson materials come from the Advocates for Self-Government, a nonprofit founded by libertarians. The lessons give equal time to all five outlooks, and students are asked to evaluate every source, including this one.

How you can take part. [Your student may bring home a copy of the Quiz for a family member to take. Answers stay private, and you don't need to write your name.] You can also take the Quiz yourself at theadvocates.org/quiz.

If you have questions, or would like your student to complete an alternative assignment, please contact me at [email or phone].

Sincerely,

[Teacher name]

[Course] · [School name]

MEMO TO ADMINISTRATORS

To	[Principal / department chair]
From	[Teacher name], [course]
Date	[Date]
Re	Using the World's Smallest Political Quiz in [course]

What I plan to teach

[One class period / a three-day unit / a semester pre/post survey] on political ideology using the World's Smallest Political Quiz, beginning [date]. Students take a ten-statement survey, place their results on a two-score chart, and study five political outlooks. The unit supports [AP U.S. Government and Politics Unit 4, American Political Ideologies and Beliefs / state civics standard].

Materials and cost

The Quiz in the Classroom Teacher Kit from the Advocates for Self-Government: lesson plans, student handouts, slides and a rubric. Materials are free for classroom use. [Optional: the 18-minute film "Beyond Labels" from Free to Choose Network and izzitEDU, which includes archival footage of Nazi Germany. I have previewed it.]

Student privacy

- **Paper version:** nothing is collected. Students don't write names on Quiz results, and worksheets are graded on reasoning.
- **Live version (optional):** sessions run through quiz.theadvocates.org. [I have reviewed the portal's settings and privacy terms against our district's policies, and they are attached.]
- **Pre/post survey (optional):** students use a private code in place of a name, and I report class totals only.

Balance

The Advocates for Self-Government was founded by libertarians. The lessons give equal time to all five outlooks, each described the way its supporters describe it, and no student's political view is graded. Students evaluate every source in the unit, including the Quiz's publisher.

Family communication

[I will send the attached letter home on (date).] Families may request an alternative assignment.

Please let me know if you have questions or would like to see the materials before [date].

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