

## IDENTIFYING IDEOLOGY

Read each of the quotes below. For each quote decide if the speaker is likely a *liberal*, *conservative*, *libertarian*, *totalitarian*, or *populist*. When you have made your decision, put the letter of the quote where you feel it belongs on the ideology grid.

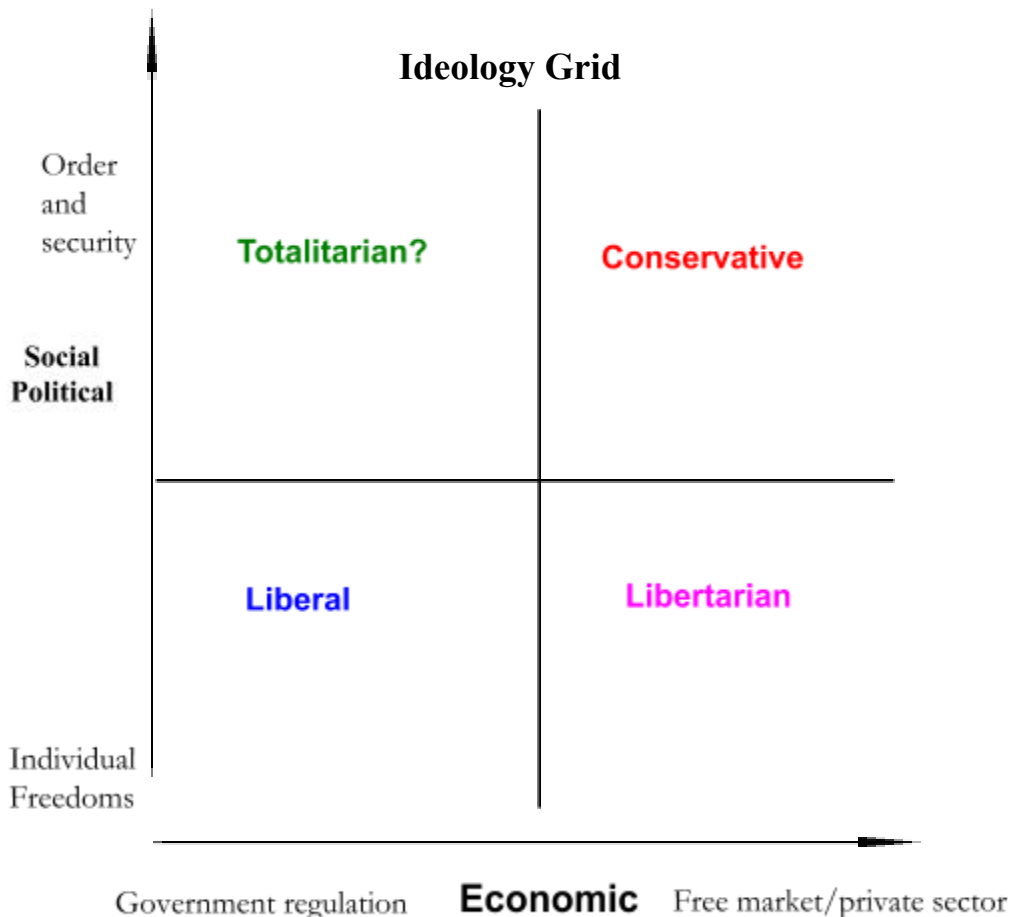
**Voter A:** “I worked my way up from poverty to become the successful business owner I am today. I get frustrated when I think that my tax money goes to support people who won’t help themselves. I think part of the blame belongs with the media – they promote all the wrong values.”

**Voter B:** “I don’t think scientists are really in agreement on climate change. They’re frequently wrong- take the recent study on red meat. First they say it’s horrible for you, then it’s not so bad after all. Those morons in Washington just listen to the loudest complainers all the time.”

**Voter C:** “I really worry about the state of the world today. It seems like more and more kids are growing up in poverty and there’s no one there to help them. I think we need to do more toward providing healthcare and education programs for our young people.”

**Voter D:** “These days, you can’t be too careful. Violent crime and gangs are out of control. Fortunately, our government has been able to stop potential terrorists. I think we need to spend a lot more money on the national defense, and support technology that helps the FBI recognize terror threats. I also think we should crack down on the fake news networks and big tech companies– their nasty reporting and influence weaken us as a country, and only help our enemies.”

**Voter E:** “I really don’t care what other people do in their free time, as long as they don’t bother me. I sure don’t like it when the government tells me what to do with my money or in my own home – I’m certainly not going to turn around and do the same thing to my neighbors.”



**News Issues**

Please choose TWO of the news issues below, and have each person in your group write a position quote (similar to the ones above) from a different ideological perspective- *liberal, conservative, libertarian, totalitarian, or populist*. ID your group captain\* and members in your response.

- Stem cell research
- “Sanctuary” cities
- college admission policies
- \$15 minimum wage
- EPA mine cleanup
- rising health care costs
- facial recognition technology
- homelessness

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