

American Political Ideologies and Beliefs

American Political beliefs are shaped by founding ideals, core values, linkage institutions, and the changing demographics of people. These beliefs about government, politics and the individual's role in the political system influence the creation of public policy.

Essential Questions:

- How are American political beliefs formed and how do they evolve over time?
- How do political ideology and core values influence government policy making?

Key Terms and Concepts

- Baby boomers
- Bandwagon effect
- Bonds
- Census
- Collective bargaining
- Consumer price index (CPI)
- Core values:
 - Equality of opportunity
 - Free enterprise
 - Individualism
 - Rule of law
 - Limited government
- Deficit
- Demographics
- Entitlements
- Expenditures
 - Uncontrollable Expenditures
 - Tax expenditures
- Federal debt
- Federal Reserve Board
- Fiscal policy
- Gender gap
- GenerationX
- Globalization
- Ideologies
 - Conservative
 - Liberal
 - Libertarian
- Income
- Income distribution
- Inflation
- Internal Revenue Service
- Keynesian economic theory
- Labor unions
- Laissez-faire
- Life-cycle effects
- Mandatory spending
- Margin of error
- Means test
- Medicaid/Medicare
- Melting pot
- Millennials
- Minimum wage
- Minority majority
- Moderate
- Monetary policy
- North American Free trade Agreement (NAFTA)
- Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Obamacare)
- Political culture
- Political efficacy
- Political ideology
- Political polarization
- Political socialization
- Political spectrum
- Poverty line
- Push polling
- Random sample
- Random-digit dialing
- Reapportionment
- Representative sample
- Reserve requirement
- Revenue
- Saliency
- Sample
- Sampling error
- Silent Generation
- Social Security Act
- Stratification/weighting
- Supply-side economics
- Trade balance
- Types of polls
 - Opinion
 - Benchmark/tracking
 - Entrance/Exit
 - Push
- Types of taxes
 - Flat
 - Income
 - Progressive
 - Proportional
 - Regressive
- Unemployment rate
- Universe
- Valence issues
- Wealth
- Wedge issues

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UNIT PLANNER

Attitudes about Government and Politics, Political Socialization and Public Opinion	Edwards, Chapter 6 & Handout: Citizen Beliefs and Public Opinion Polls		
	Handout pgs. 348-356	Core Values and Attitudes, Political Ideologies	Monday October 15
	Handout Pgs. 356-368	Cultural Factors, Political Socialization & Attitudes; Influences on Socialization	Monday October 22
	Textbook Pgs.195-201	Measuring Public Opinion	Wednesday October 24
	Quiz		Tuesday October 30

Political Ideology and Policymaking	Handout: Political Ideology and Policy		
	Handout Pgs.387-395	Party Ideology and Policymaking	Monday November 5
	Handout Pgs.396-405	Political Ideologies and the Marketplace; Monetary Policy; Trade	Thursday November 8
	Handout Pgs.405-413	Ideological Differences on Social Issues, and Government and Privacy	Monday November 12
	Quiz		Thursday November 15

Unit Exam	MCQ EXAM	Monday November 19
	FRQ EXAM	Tuesday November 20

Quarterly Project The second quarter project—the *Personal Political Profile* is due **Friday November 16**. This project accounts for **15% of the second quarter grade**. Late work is generally not accepted.

- Missed quizzes and exams must be made up before the next quiz or exam. All makeup quizzes and exams are before or after school and must be arranged in advance with Ms. Hooper.