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| Liberal (Left) |  | Conservative (Right) |
| * Larger government
* More government regulation
* Services should be provided by the government to all
 | Political Views | * Small government
* Less government regulation
* Services should be provided by the private sector
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| * Government should provide services to those less fortunate
* Increase taxes, if necessary, to pay for services
* People who earn more should pay a larger percentage of their income in taxes
 | Economic Views | * Less taxes
* Less government spending
* The government should not spend more than it brings in from taxes
* People who earn more should have incentives to invest their money
* Charity is the responsibility of the people, not the government
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| * Support equal marriage rights, a woman’s right to an abortion, the use of diplomacy before military intervention, and government restrictions and regulation on guns
 | Social Views | * Opposed to gay marriage and abortion
* Support the right to bear arms, increased funding for the military, and the death penalty
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| * Laws are enacted to protect everyone and create an equal society, sometimes at the expense of economic freedoms
* The people should look to the government to provide structure
 | The Role of the Government | * Laws are enacted to reflect the best interest of society as a whole
* Individuals should exercise personal responsibility and the government’s role is to hold them accountable, even with severe penalties
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