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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 |
| * 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 |
| * 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 |
| * 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 |