

Detailed look at Political Ideology

	Liberal (i.e. Left)	Conservative (i.e. Right)
Representative Party	Democrats (generally)	Republicans (generally)
Business	Increase regulation and worker protection	Ease regulation and keep government out of business
Taxes	Increase taxes	Cut taxes
Abortion	Pro-choice	Pro-life
Social Spending	Increase	Decrease or maintain
Defense Spending	Decrease or maintain	Increase
Death Penalty	Ban	Maintain
Government Size	Increase the government and use more socialistic policies	Reduce the government and use more capitalistic policies
World Peace	Negotiate first and only take military action if sanctioned by the U.N. and other world organizations	Work with world bodies and use negotiation, but take unilateral pre-emptive action if necessary to protect America
Same-Sex Marriage	Legalize	Ban
Affirmative Action	For (i.e. maintain race-based preferences)	Against (i.e. ban race-based preferences)
Crime	Protect the rights of the accused first and foremost	Provide maximum punishment and protect the rights of the victim first and foremost
School Vouchers	End the program	Expand the program
Doctor Assisted Suicide	Allow	Prevent
Missile Defense	Scrap this program	Pursue this program
Three Strikes Law	Overturn this law	Maintain and expand these laws
Minimum Wage	Increase	Lower or eliminate altogether
Social Security	Increase age of beginning eligibility (e.g. 68 or 70); increase salary limits subject to tax	Privatize; i.e. allow citizens control over their own money and allow stock investments
Health Care	Make 100 percent government controlled	De-regulate and introduce free market reform
Personal Responsibility	Government needs to protect people from themselves	People should be responsible and be held accountable for their own actions
Malpractice Lawsuits	Do not cap punitive & pain/suffering damage amounts	Cap punitive & pain/suffering damage amounts
Religion	Maintain separation of church and state; prevent faith-based government initiatives	Introduce more religion in schools; allow faith-based government initiatives