

ECONOMIC ISSUES - LIBERALS VS. CONSERVATIVES

Directions: On each of the following issues, write what you think liberals, conservatives, and you believe.

Liberals believe the government's monetary policy should:		Conservatives believe government should:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be involved in the economy (regulate businesses) • provide a "safety-net" • pro-workers, working class • encourage economic equality 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • not be involved in the economy • give control to local gov't (states and cities) • pro-business • economic freedom, laissez-faire

1. Minimum Wage

What do **conservatives** believe? _____
 Why? _____
 What do **liberals** believe? _____
 Why? _____
 What do **you** believe? _____
 Why? _____
 Are you (circle one): more liberal or more conservative

2. Taxes

What do **conservatives** believe? _____
 Why? _____
 What do **liberals** believe? _____
 Why? _____
 What do **you** believe? _____
 Why? _____
 Are you (circle one): more liberal or more conservative

3. Health Care

What do **conservatives** believe? _____
 Why? _____
 What do **liberals** believe? _____
 Why? _____
 What do **you** believe? _____
 Why? _____
 Are you (circle one): more liberal or more conservative

4. Welfare

What do **conservatives** believe? _____
 Why? _____
 What do **liberals** believe? _____
 Why? _____
 What do **you** believe? _____
 Why? _____
 Are you (circle one): more liberal or more conservative

5. Trade with Foreign Countries

What do **conservatives** believe? _____
 Why? _____
 What do **liberals** believe? _____
 Why? _____
 What do **you** believe? _____
 Why? _____



Are you (circle one): more liberal or more conservative

6. Environment

What do **conservatives** believe? _____

Why? _____

What do **liberals** believe? _____

Why? _____

What do **you** believe? _____

Why? _____

Are you (circle one): more liberal or more conservative

7. Campaign Finance

What do **conservatives** believe? _____

Why? _____

What do **liberals** believe? _____

Why? _____

What do **you** believe? _____

Why? _____

Are you (circle one): more liberal or more conservative

8. Guns and Assault Weapons

The Guns and Assault Weapons issue is actually a social issue but it acts as an economic issue when we look at what liberals and conservatives believe

What do **conservatives** believe? _____

Why? _____

What do **liberals** believe? _____

Why? _____

What do **you** believe? _____

Why? _____

Are you (circle one): more liberal or more conservative

9. Below, write a short paragraph in response to one of the following questions:

A. Look at your position on the Economic Spectrum (from the previous lesson). Do you agree with your position or has it changed? Are you more liberal or more conservative than where you appear on the spectrum? Why did you move yourself? Be sure to change your position on the poster if you think it is not accurate.

or

B. Overall, are you a liberal or a conservative on economic issues? Put yourself on the liberal-conservative line and describe your beliefs about the issues mentioned above. Explain why you put yourself there.

Liberal

Conservative

