

ECONOMIC ISSUES – POLITICAL PROFILES

Directions: Using the Economic Issues spectrum in your notebook, as well as the handouts **Economic Issues**, and **Economic Issues Liberals v. Conservatives**, determine where each of the following politicians would be located on the spectrum.

JOHN KERRY – Presidential Candidate

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Minimum Wage: Kerry wants all businesses to pay their workers a higher and livable minimum wage.

Trade with other Countries: Kerry does not support free trade and says we need to protect union jobs.

Education: He believes the federal government should be spending more money on education.

Where would you put him on the economic issues spectrum? (mark with an X)

Liberal

Conservative

GEORGE W. BUSH – President

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Environment: Bush says that businesses (lumber and oil) should be allowed to explore in National forests.

Guns/Assault Weapons: He does not support gun control except for automatic weapons.

Taxes: Bush cut taxes to middle and upper income families and has pledged not to increase taxes.

Where would you put him on the economic issues spectrum? (mark with an X)

Liberal

Conservative

DIANNE FEINSTEIN – U.S. Senator from California

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Gun Control: Feinstein proposed a law banning (outlawing) assault weapons.

Minimum Wage: Feinstein has voted to increase the minimum wage, but not too much

Environment: She has proposed many laws to protect the California coastline and national parks

Where would you put her on the economic issues spectrum? (mark with an X)

Liberal

Conservative

RALPH NADER – Consumer Advocate, Presidential Candidate

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Gun Control: Nader supports the Brady Bill which bans certain guns and assault weapons.

Health Care: He believes that the government should provide health care for everyone, for free – “it is a right”

Minimum Wage: He has stated that the minimum wage should be at \$10 so that it can support a family.

Where would you put him on the economic issues spectrum? (mark with an X)

Liberal

Conservative

