

SOCIAL ISSUES – POLITICAL PROFILES

Directions: Using the Social Issues spectrum in your notebook as well as the handouts **Social Issues**, and **Social 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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Abortion: Kerry supports a woman's right to choose an abortion

War in Iraq: Kerry supported the war with Iraq but thinks the UN should be more involved

Gay Rights: He says all discrimination against gays is wrong and supports laws to protect their rights.

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

Liberal Conservative

GEORGE W. BUSH – President

SOCIAL ISSUES

Abortion: George W. is pro-life and against abortions except in cases of rape, incest or life of the mother.

Gay Rights: He believes that gays should not get “special” rights or protection from hate crime laws

Death Penalty: George W. executed more prisoners in Texas than any other Governor in the country.

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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Gay Rights: Feinstein supports a law prohibiting discrimination against homosexuals.

Death Penalty: Feinstein supports the death penalty.

Immigration: Feinstein supported two laws that would hire more border patrol officers to stop immigrants.

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

Liberal Conservative

RALPH NADER – Consumer Advocate, Presidential Candidate

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Abortion: Nader supports a women’s right to choose to have an abortion

Death Penalty: He claims that “as a matter of conscience” he cannot support the death penalty for any reason.

Gay Rights: He has supported the rights of gays in housing, jobs and in the right to get married. He has stated that “in all areas of life they have the right to be treated equally.”

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

Liberal Conservative

