

Use this chart to list issues and to summarize positions that Liberals and Conservative would take on them.

Liberal Position	Issue	Conservative Position
Keep it legal; focus on a woman’s right to choose (right to privacy)	Legal Abortion	Make it illegal again; focus is “right to life”; traditional or religious
In favor of it; personal freedoms and rights; social equality	Gay marriage	Opposed to it; against tradition, or religion
Gov’t should make health care affordable and available; social equality	Gov’t sponsored Health Insurance	Opposed to it; no big gov’t or more taxes; business shouldn’t be interfered in by gov’t; individual
Concerned that it invades people’s privacy; rights are violated; personal freedoms may be infringed upon	Patriot Act	In favor of it; protect our security; okay to give up a few rights for a safer country; law and order issue
In favor of it; personal freedoms; can relieve medical issues (pain glaucoma and cancer treatment); can tax and regulate it	Medical Marijuana/legalized Marijuana	Opposed it; considered dangerous, gateway drug, traditional; concerned about abuse and social disorder
Allow more amnesty programs; more understanding of issues that bring immigrants in	Illegal Immigration	Stricter enforcement of violations; more border patrol and severe penalties; some of these immigrants might be terrorists
Against it; it makes for a more violent society when the gov’t also kills; it doesn’t deter crime; prejudicial application of the death penalty; social justice issue	Death Penalty (execution for violent crimes)	Supports it; prefers stricter punishments for criminals; it deters crime
Prefers smaller military; less military spending; negotiate in a more diplomatic, less aggressive way for world peace; U.S. makes enemies with aggressive stance	Military spending/large military	Supports a larger military; negotiate from a position of military strength; “freedom isn’t free”; keeps law and order in the world; U.S. as world’s policeman
First amendment rights – freedom of religion – people shouldn’t have say that if they aren’t religious; the phrase was only added in 1952	“Under God” in Pledge of Allegiance	Leave it in; it’s tradition; stress traditional American values; some are religious and support it being in there