

The Political Spectrum

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Instructions:

First, fill in the labels across the top of the chart using the information from the next slide.

Do the same on the back of the chart.

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Position Names:

Left wing

Moderate

Right wing

Radical

Liberal

Conservative

Reactionary



(Go on to the next slide)

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Left wing		Moderate	Right wing	
Radical	Liberal	Conservative	Reactionary	
Instructions, continued: Next, number your chart according to the numbers in the next two slides.				
Then, use the following slides to fill in the notes by matching the numbers on the chart to the numbers in the sections of each slide.				
NOTE: MAKE YOUR NUMBERS SMALL SO YOU HAVE ROOM TO WRITE THE NOTES!				

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MAKE YOUR NUMBERS SMALL!

Left wing		Moderate	Right wing	
Radical	Liberal	Conservative	Reactionary	
1	2	3	4	
Change				
5	6	7	8	
Tradition/ Reform				
9	10	11	12	
Human Nature				

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MAKE YOUR NUMBERS SMALL!

	Left wing		Moderate	Right wing	
	Radical	Liberal	Conservative	Reactionary	
	13	14	15	16	
Authority Personal Freedoms					
	17	18	19	20	
Gov't And Economy					
Political Parties	21	(This one goes all the way across on one slide)			
People	22	(This one goes all the way across on one side)			

Left wing

Radical

Liberal



- 1 - “rad” = root;
change at the root
level

Background:

Views about: - System is corrupt;
Change must create new one

Example: weeds –
must pull them out
by the roots; plant
something new

Saying: “Start over from scratch”

- 2
“liber” = free (seeks liberties, rights)

- Change things; solve problems
- find new ways of doing things
- change within the system
- Change is good – the future can be even better

Saying: “Don’t get stuck in a rut”

*Buzz words: Reform; Progressive;
Change = Progress*

Right Wing

Conservative

Reactionary

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- Conserve = protect, preserve
- Maintain the status quo; keep things the way they are (the present is good)
- Need good reasons to change

Saying: "If it ain't broke, don't fix it!"

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- “React” – respond to change
- Regress (go back) to the way things used to be (the past was good)
- Hostile to change

Saying: "Back in the good ol' days..."



Left wing

Radical

Liberal

Tradition
and
reform

5 Different traditions & heritages are divisive & dangerous

Therefore, include all people by doing away with differences, by force, if necessary

Saying: "Religion is the opiate of the people."

6 Support diversity of all groups

Therefore, willing to question traditions and heritage -- may see some in need of change

Accept multiple cultures, holidays, and/or lifestyles

Saying: "Can't we all get along?"

← Become more inclusive →

Right Wing

Conservative

Reactionary →

Tradition
and
reform

7 - Confidence in & love
of tradition and
heritage
(in USA = WASP)

- Certain amount of
conformity -
“should do this”

*Buzz words: “Family values;”
“the American Way”*

8 - Must be part of the
accepted
“traditional” group

- If not, you are
excluded, by force,
if necessary

Deport, enslave, imprison, or
eliminate excluded groups
ex.: the Holocaust,
“Ethnic cleansing,” genocide

→
Become more exclusive

Left wing

Radical

Liberal

Views
about
human
nature

9 Work to make all people equal -- people will become happy and not need gov't

Until then, full government control to institute reform

Communes;
Communism

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Optimistic – people are basically good: controlled by how they are *nurtured*

-Based on Enlightenment ideals: “tabula rasa” or “blank slate”

-People can be trusted and can change – gov't should make reform, education, and social programs

Right Wing

Conservative

Reactionary

Human
nature

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Pessimistic – people are basically bad in their ***nature: born bad*** - can't reform a person's nature

Based on Biblical concept of "original sin"

- Favors fewer government programs -- fears people will abuse them

- Government's role should be to rein in human nature

More and more social control



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Police state
Dictatorship:
Fascism

- Rule by the elite few; hierarchy of privilege
- Persecution of excluded groups

Left wing

Radical

Liberal

Authority
and
Personal
Freedoms
(Role of
Gov't)

13 Ultimate goal:
everyone
is equal and
content --
No need for
gov't

For now, make
everyone equal (the
same) through force

No individuality –
you can't be different

*More and
more
eco-
nomic
control*

14 Favors personal
freedoms for the
masses – especially
in the areas of social
issues and First
Amendment rights

More social equality;
workers' rights;
regulate business for
the sake of society



Right Wing

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Reactionary

	15	16
Authority and Personal freedom	<p>Favors more authority over the masses</p> <p>Fewer individual freedoms, aside from in business</p> <p>Control social behavior (protects tradition)</p>	<p>Authoritarian dictatorship; Fascism -- complete control</p> <p>Remove opposition with force</p> <p>(imprison, deport, eliminate opposition)</p>

More and more social control



Left wing

Radical

Liberal

	←	
Gov't and the Economy:	17	18
	<p>Against capitalism All property owned by the state – industries “nationalized”</p> <p>Communism and Collectivism - everyone works for the common good</p> <p>Gulags (work camps) and “purges” of those who will not conform</p>	<p>Gov't should regulate business (labor laws, environmental safety, consumer standards, etc.)</p> <p>Create gov't programs to help the masses; taxes required (price of doing business)</p> <p>Capitalism accepted, with restrictions</p>

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Gov't and
Economy

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Laissez-Faire capitalism:
Gov't leaves business alone

Decrease social welfare
& other gov't programs –
Small gov't is best:

- lighten regulations
- reduce taxes
- tax breaks for business

Exception: gov't
programs to help business
(tariffs, subsidies, recent
bailouts)

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Symbiotic relationship

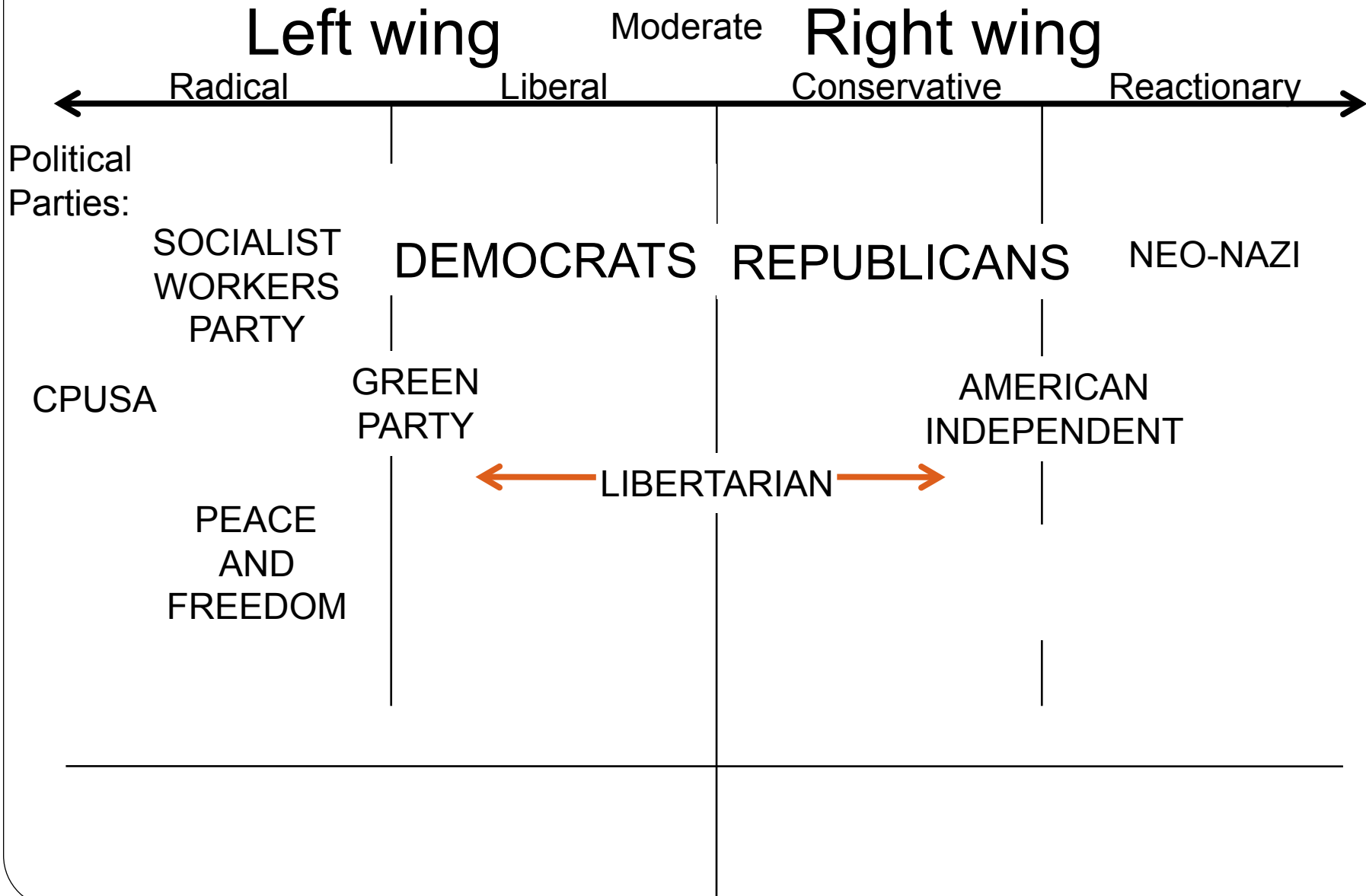
business and dictators
can work together;
mutually beneficial

Discriminatory laws
against social groups

ex.: Jews restricted from
certain jobs in Nazi
Germany; later made into
slaves

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22 Left wing Moderate Right wing

← Radical Liberal Conservative Reactionary →

People
who
fit the
descrip-
tion:
(historical
and
current)

Lenin

Stalin

Fidel Castro

Mao

union activists
civil rights groups

Gandhi

M.L. King

Cesar Chavez

OBAMA

big business

Tea Party
movement

Minuteman Project

ROMNEY

KKK

Hitler

Saddam Hussein

Taliban

Al Qaeda

Neo-Nazis