

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

Liberal Position	Issue	Conservative Position
Want more restrictions (more rigorous background checks; age restrictions, limits on certain weapons – assault rifles)(don’t give guns to teachers)	Gun Control (2 <sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights)(school shootings)	Keep gun rights; cite the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Amendment; fewer restrictions; (some say give guns to teachers)
Less concerned about border security; more concerned with lives of the immigrants; more amnesty programs to create pathways to citizenship; create sanctuary cities	Border regulations (Immigration policies)(separation of kids from parents)(DACA)	Want tighter borders (Trump’s border wall); more restrictions on who can come; more severe detention facilities; deterrent factor of separating kids
“Pro-Choice” – focuses on a woman’s right to choose; would want to keep abortion rights legal	Abortion (should it be legal or illegal)( <i>Roe v. Wade, 1973</i> )	“Pro-Life” – focuses on the life of the unborn child; would want to reverse <i>Roe v. Wade</i> and make abortion illegal
Prefer it to stay legal; willing to support new traditions; believe in social equality and more personal liberties	Same sex marriage ( <i>Obergefell v. Hodges, 2015</i> )	Prefer it to be illegal; they say marriage is between a man and a woman (could be moral or religious motivations); more traditional
Focus on the victims; would cite historical examples of racism that carry over today; police need better training; would call it racial profiling	Police use of force (police shootings)(racial overtones)	Police need to use force at their discretion; trust police training; focus on blaming the suspect
Prefer it to stay legal; cite that it’s less dangerous than other legal substances (like alcohol); personal freedoms aspect	Legalized marijuana (legal in CA since 2016)	Preferred it to be illegal; it’s a “gateway drug”, cite the dangers of mj use (health, education); law and order issues
Focus on respect, on the victims; on prosecuting criminal behavior; teaching more sensitivity	Sexual harassment (#MeToo; #EnoughIsEnough; #YesMeansYes)	Focus is usually on tradition, they may think the movement goes too far; focus on false accusations; some might be part of the “good old boy network”
Wants a national health program; supports ACA, want more equality for people; focus on humanity, seeing health care as a right; okay with more taxes	Health Care (ACA – Affordable Care Act, “Obama Care”)	Concerned about the high cost, too much tax; might be inefficient; people might abuse; doctors might not make as much
Concern with freedom of information if people have to pay just to access various websites	Net Neutrality (freedom to visit websites without paying extra fees)	Businesses should be free to charge what they like to provide service;
It isn’t the gov’t’s role to take life; it makes for a more violent society; concerned with if it’s applied fairly (lack of social justice); concern with getting the right person (can’t free an executed person)	Death Penalty (currently legal in CA)	Keep the death penalty; cite older traditions; stricter law and order; cite deterrent effect; high cost of keeping people in prison; let punishment fit the crime
More regulations to make Env’t safer for all people; ok to regulate business for people’s sake; believe that	Environment	Business should not be regulated so much; might be too costly and businesses will fail; some don’t

