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Political Socialization (How you get your worldview!) and Political Ideology

Intro: As we have discussed in class, how you see the world is greatly influenced by many factors: parents, friends, advertising, news, social class, education level, personal experiences, etc. Your “worldview” greatly influences what you think the government should or should not do. This assignment is to help you understand your “worldview.” Are you a liberal? a conservative? Somewhere in between? Let’s find out.

Political Ideology Assignment:

Part 1 = Using the internet, complete the following assignment. You can use the opposite side of this sheet or a separate sheet of paper.

- A. Go to <http://idealogy.org>
- B. Click on the word “English”
- C. Go to “View the Quiz”
- D. **Go step by step through the tutorial.**
- E. **Draw and label the axis and define each word: liberal, conservative, communitarian and libertarian.**
- F. On page 20, move the smiley face to where you think you belong. Which quadrant do you think fits you?
- G. **Take the “Self Test.”** Read the questions carefully. If you are unsure of a question, ask me for help. When completed, draw the smiley face on your axis where you scored. Be sure to record where you ended up!!! This will be important for tomorrow’s discussion.
- H. **Reflect on this self-test in a written paragraph or two.** For example, is this where you thought you would be placed? Were you totally shocked? Does this match your family’s values? Or not? Did this self-test seem “fair”, i.e., did it leave anything out or feel biased in any way?

Part 2 = Identify and record the *two most important issues* this self-quiz raised for you, i.e., abortion, crime, etc. and what makes these issues so important for you personally(?). Write a short paragraph or two explaining your thinking. Be ready to share this in class.