

# **Unit Four**

## **Political Ideology**

## POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES

IDEOLOGY	DESCRIPTION
<b>LIBERAL</b>	One of today's major ideologies. Originally under the influence of Thomas Jefferson who wanted a government to do very little. Under FDR's New Deal, the government took on a new responsibilities. Since the 1930's liberal usually means allowing the government to expand beyond established constraints.
<b>CONSERVATIVE</b>	One of today's major ideologies. Traditionally conservatives believe in following tradition and authority. Goldwater (1964 republican presidential nominee) argued that government should do less and thus allow its people more freedom. Less taxation and less government spending became its anthem.
<b>LIBERTARIAN</b>	One of today's minor ideologies. They often oppose government intervention or regulation. It is a party but people in this ideology often belong to other parties.
<b>POPULIST</b>	One of today's minor ideologies. They generally attend a Protestant church. They support things like prayer in school, high minimum wage, and welfare.
<b>PROGRESSIVE</b>	One of today's minor ideologies. They split the republican party (peaked in early 1900's). Today they believe in worker's rights over corporate rights and support progressive taxes.

Both parties occasionally go against their own ideology. Democrats adopt policies that are not very liberal in terms of personal liberty while Republicans adopt policies (like abortion) that require more regulation and law (not less). As a result both parties have sub--groups within them.

Democrat	<i>policy</i>	Republican
Pro-choice	<i>Abortion</i>	Pro-life
Allow race-based preferences	<i>Affirmative Action</i>	Prohibit race-based preferences
Focus on the rights of the accused	<i>Crime</i>	Focus on strong punishments for offenders
Oppose	<i>Death Penalty</i>	Support
Decrease or maintain	<i>Defense Spending</i>	Increase
More regulations	<i>Gun Control</i>	Less regulations
Support Affordable Care Act	<i>Health Care</i>	Repeal Affordable Care Act

Allow a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants	<i>Immigration</i>	Oppose any pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants
Increase	<i>Minimum Wage</i>	Lower or eliminate
Support	<i>Same-Sex Marriage</i>	Oppose – marriage should only be defined as between a man and a women
Increase taxes, especially on the wealthy	<i>Taxes</i>	Cut taxes, especially on business
Based on community and social responsibly	<i>View of Society</i>	Based on individual rights