

The Game of Politics



HE SEEMS
TO BE
PULLING AWAY
FROM THE OTHER
GOP CANDIDATES,



FORREST TRUMP

Political Cartoons Group Activity

Describe the cartoonist's tools:

- ★ **Images and setting**
- ★ **Labels, captions and dialogue boxes**
- ★ **Allusion = references to history, current events, popular culture, literature, movies, sports, etc.**
- ★ **Exaggeration =**
- ★ **Emotions = humor, sympathy, anger, fear**

Explain why the issue is controversial.

Ask at least 2 astute questions about the issue the cartoon is depicting (not the cartoon itself).

Give 1 argument in favor and 1 argument against the cartoonist's point of view.

Explain how the symbols and labels relate to your group's assigned political value.



Continue Cornell Notes

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- ★ Guiding Question
- ★ (Left column):
- ★ What are America's shared political values?



Political Values

Although Americans often disagree on specific issues, they share a number of core values.

- ★ Liberty
- ★ Equal Opportunity
- ★ Democracy
- ★ Individualism
- ★ Free-enterprise
- ★ Justice/Rule of Law
- ★ Patriotism
- ★ Optimism
- ★ Civic duty

Analyze 1 of the following political cartoons.



Liberty

- ★ Americans are entitled to the greatest amount of liberty possible
- ★ as long as they do no harm to others



Equal Opportunity



- ★ citizens should have the opportunity to
- ★ receive an education
- ★ work
- ★ participate/vote



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HORSEY



THANKS, GUYS...
I WOULDN'T BE HERE
WITHOUT YOU.

PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES

Democracy



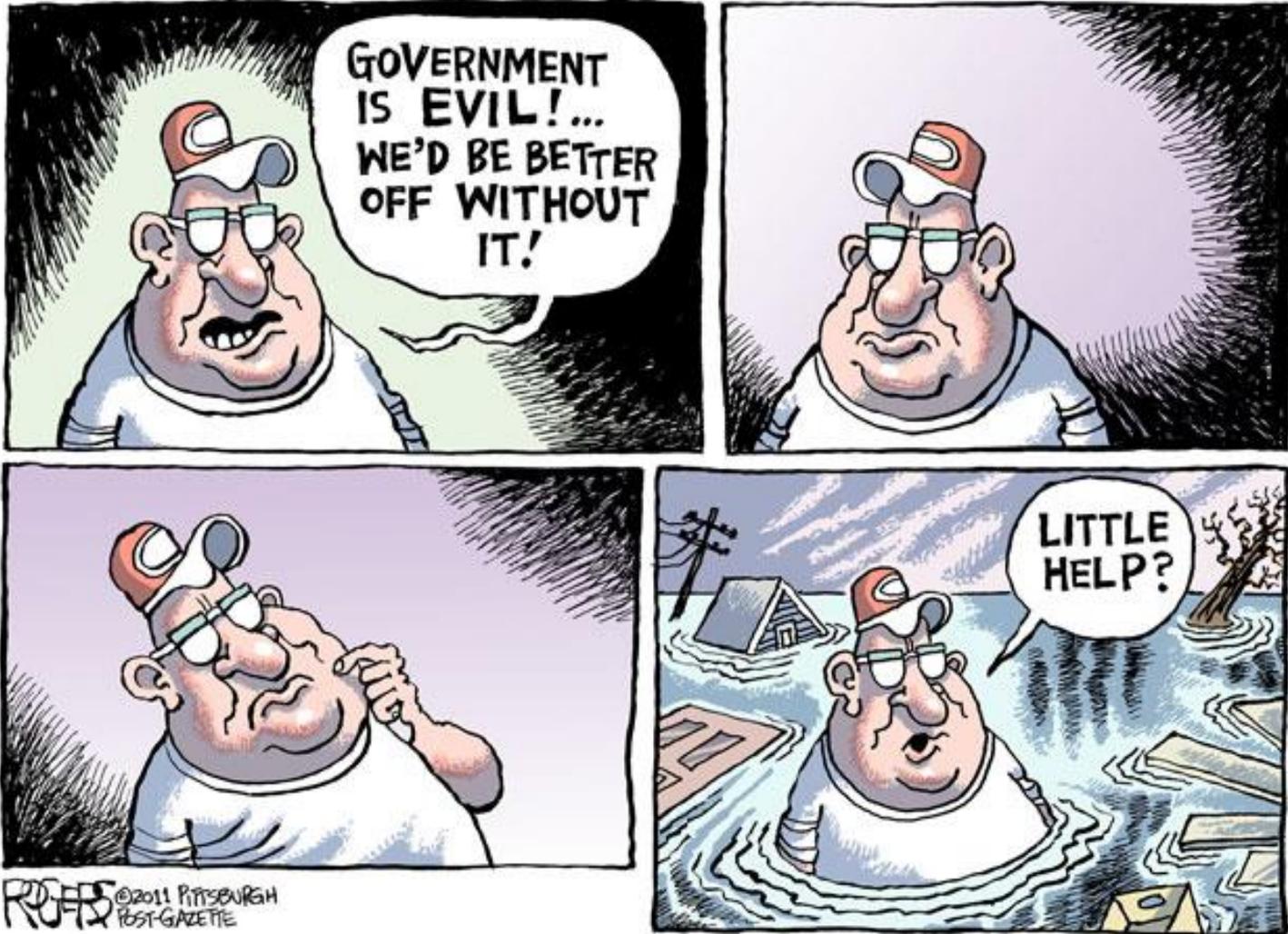
- * Compound = federal & state power
- * Constitutional = protecting rights
- * Republic = majority rules





Individualism

- ★ Citizens (not the government) are responsible for their actions/well being



Free Enterprise



- ★ capitalism
- ★ private businesses compete
- ★ for highest profits
- ★ sometimes workers get laid off

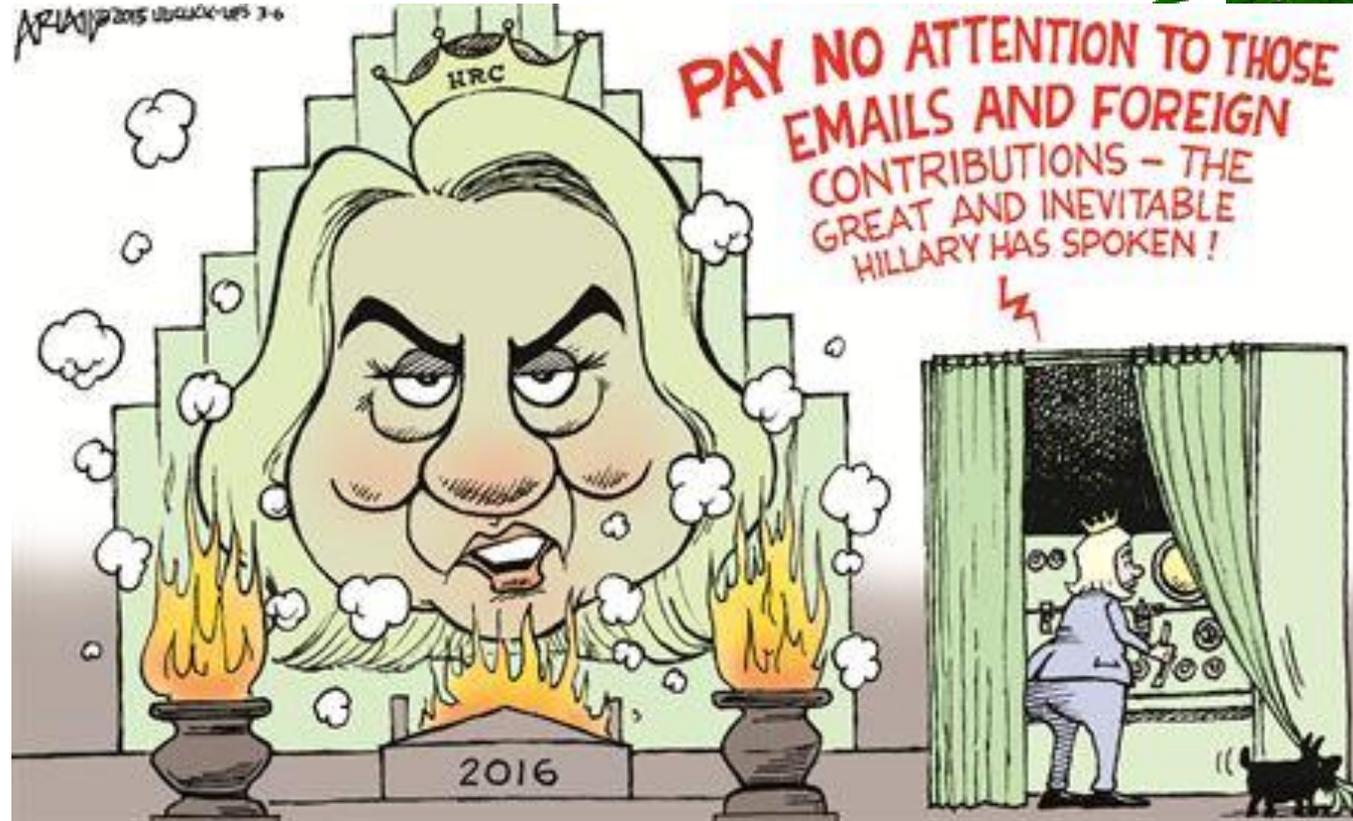


Justice

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YWyCCJ6B2WE>

- ★ Laws should be fairly and equally applied

- ★ No man is above the law



Patriotism

★ great pride and loyalty toward one's country

★ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HHo-3LEcgQE>

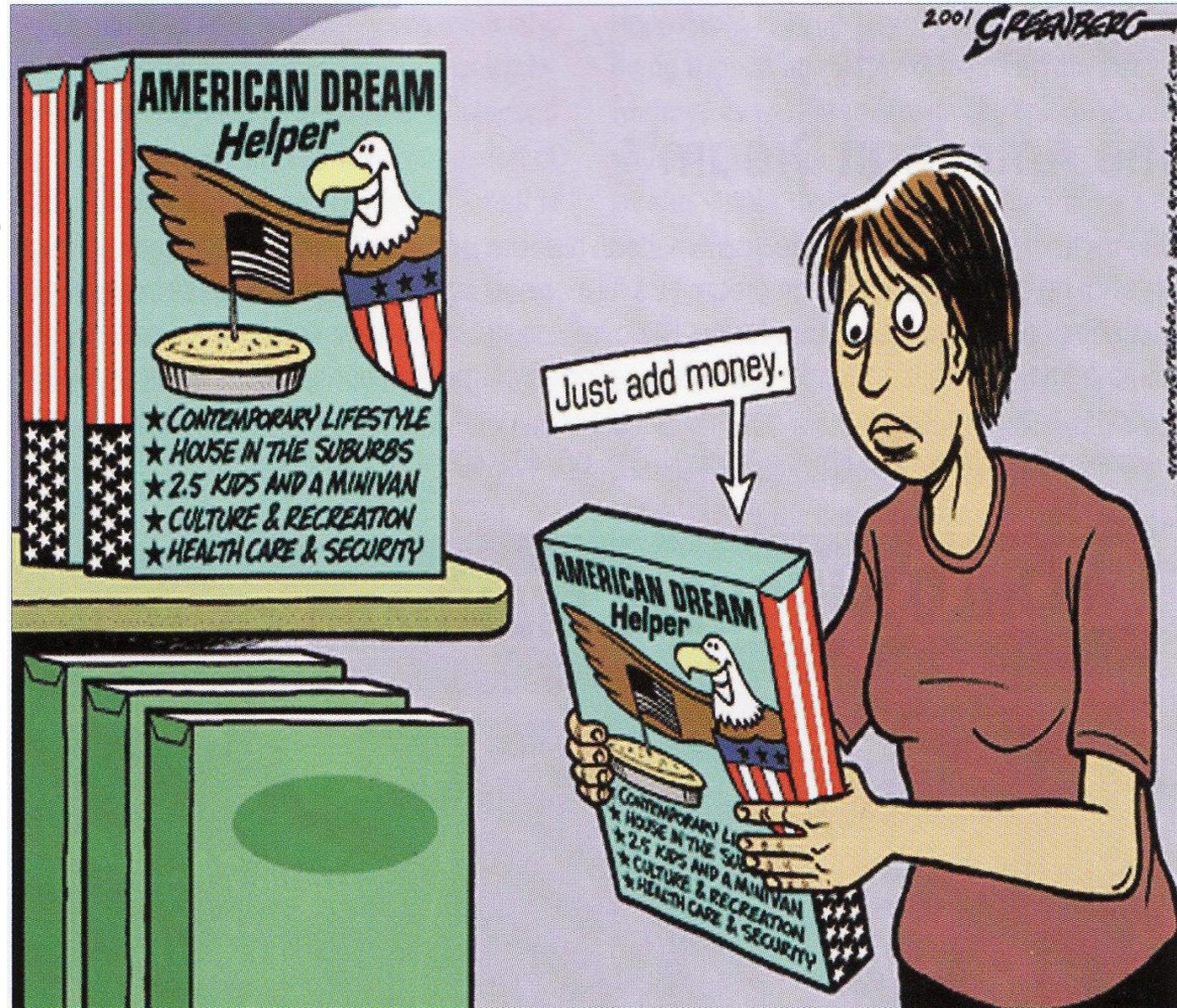


Optimism



Americans

- ★ see themselves as “can-do” people
- ★ believe their lives will be better in the future



Civic duty

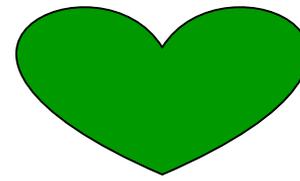
- ★ citizens should participate in civic affairs

- ★ Vote
- ★ Volunteer
- ★ Register for selective service



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QMDVQh0WrQs>

Why do A4 Citizens Political Cartoons?



- ★ They make us more **AWARE**.
- ★ They prompt us to ask **ASTUTE** questions about controversial issues.
- ★ They help us **ARTICULATE** our opinions.
- ★ They motivate us to be **ACTIVE** in **ALLIANCES** to solve problems in our country and communities.

Rhetorical Triangle

RHETORIC: *Words, written or spoken, which support a claim.*

PURPOSE: *To change the beliefs or behavior of a reader or listener.*

LOGIC (LOGOS):

Does the argument make sense?
Does it include evidence, facts or statistics?

EMOTIONAL APPEALS (PATHOS)

Does the argument "feel right"?
Does it connect to the values and interests of the audience?
Does it include stories, humor, imagery, patriotism or fear tactics?



CREDIBILITY (ETHOS):

Does the writer/speaker

- Seem trustworthy?
- Have personal experience with the issue?
- Acknowledge opposing viewpoints (counterclaims)?
- Quote experts?

Write a 4-5 sentence Reflection using these prompts to get you thinking:

- ★ Which political values have you heard in the rhetoric of our politicians?
- ★ Is there a political value on the list which doesn't belong there anymore?
- ★ Are there other political values you believe should also be on the list?
- ★ Which shared political values do you feel are most important to the American way of life, and why?
- ★ ***Please use at least one personal or current event example in your Reflection.***



Political Ideology

- ★ Most Americans agree on our political values. But we often disagree on
- ★ POLITICAL IDEOLOGY =
- ★ the role you think government should play in
- ★ domestic/economic policy
- ★ personal behavior/moral issues
- ★ foreign policy



POLITICAL SPECTRUM



Where do you stand on the political spectrum ?

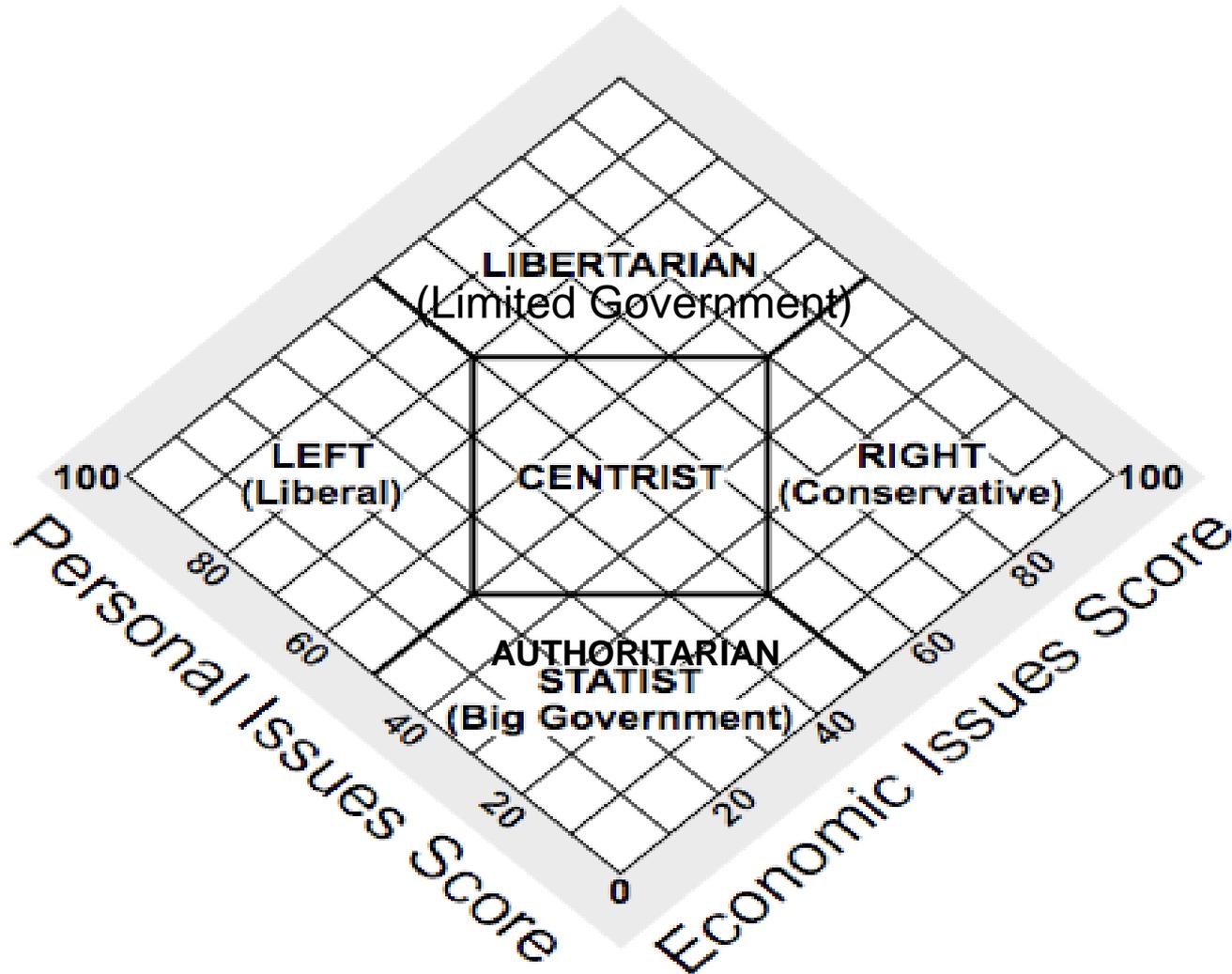
- * Liberal?
- * Conservative?
- * Centrist?
- * Libertarian?
- * Authoritarian?
- * Take the “Political Issues Survey”
- * Mark the spectrum with your total score



POLITICAL SPECTRUM



A spectrum on a single line often over-simplifies political ideology. Draw a political diamond.



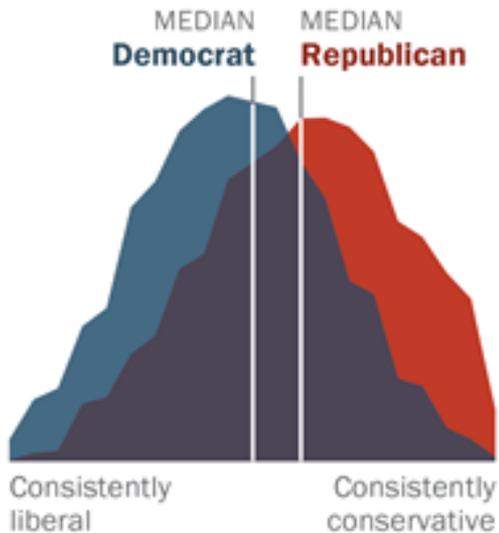
World - Wide Political Spectrum

<p>World-wide Political Spectrum</p>	<p>LEFT</p>	<p>US POLITICAL SPECTRUM</p> <p>RIGHT</p>		
<p>Political System</p>	<p>TOTALITARIAN (COMMUNISM)</p>	<p>COMPOUND CONSTITUTIONAL REPUBLIC</p> <p>PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY</p> <p>PRESIDENTIAL DEMOCRACY</p>		<p>DIRECT DEMOCRACY (NO GOV'T)</p>
<p>Economic System</p>	<p>COMMAND</p>	<p>MIXED</p> <p>DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM</p>	<p>MARKET</p> <p>CAPITALISM</p> <p>FREE ENTERPRIZE</p>	

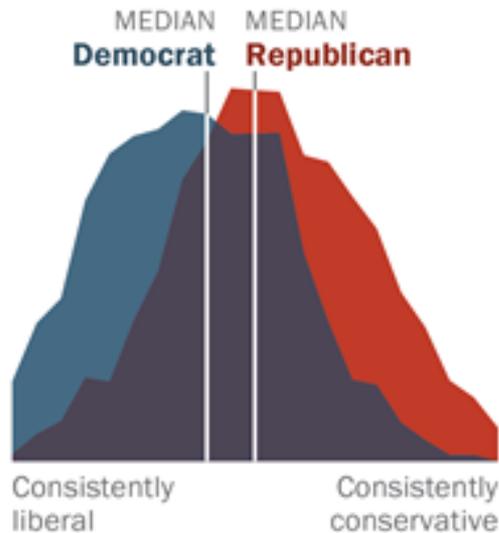
Democrats and Republicans More Ideologically Divided than in the Past

Distribution of Democrats and Republicans on a 10-item scale of political values

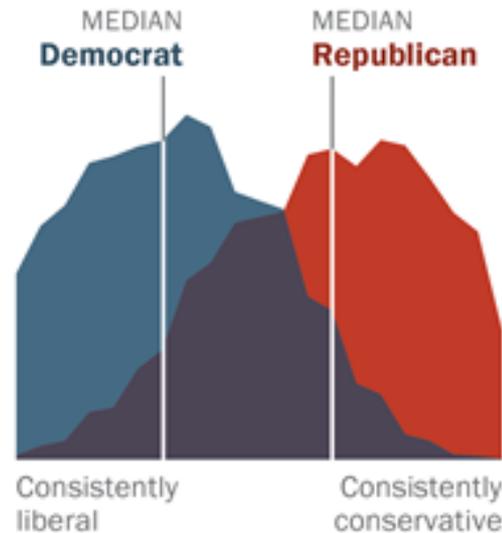
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2014



Source: 2014 Political Polarization in the American Public

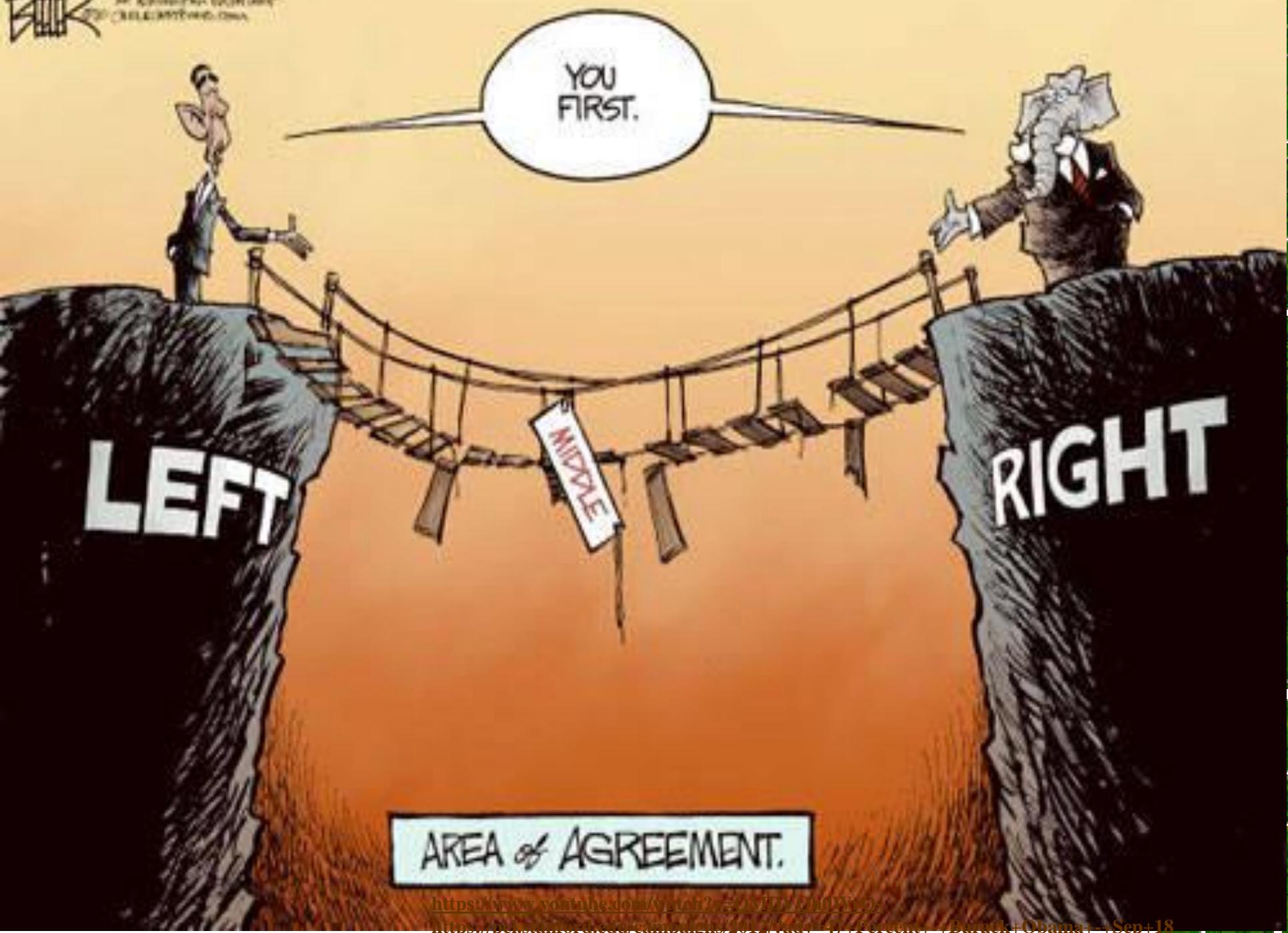
Notes: Ideological consistency based on a scale of 10 political values questions (see Appendix A). The blue area in this chart represents the ideological distribution of Democrats; the red area of Republicans. The overlap of these two distributions is shaded purple. Republicans include Republican-leaning independents; Democrats include Democratic-leaning independents (see Appendix B).

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"Harold, would you say you are left of center, right of center, center, left of left, right of left, left of right, or right of right, or what?"





YOU FIRST.

LEFT

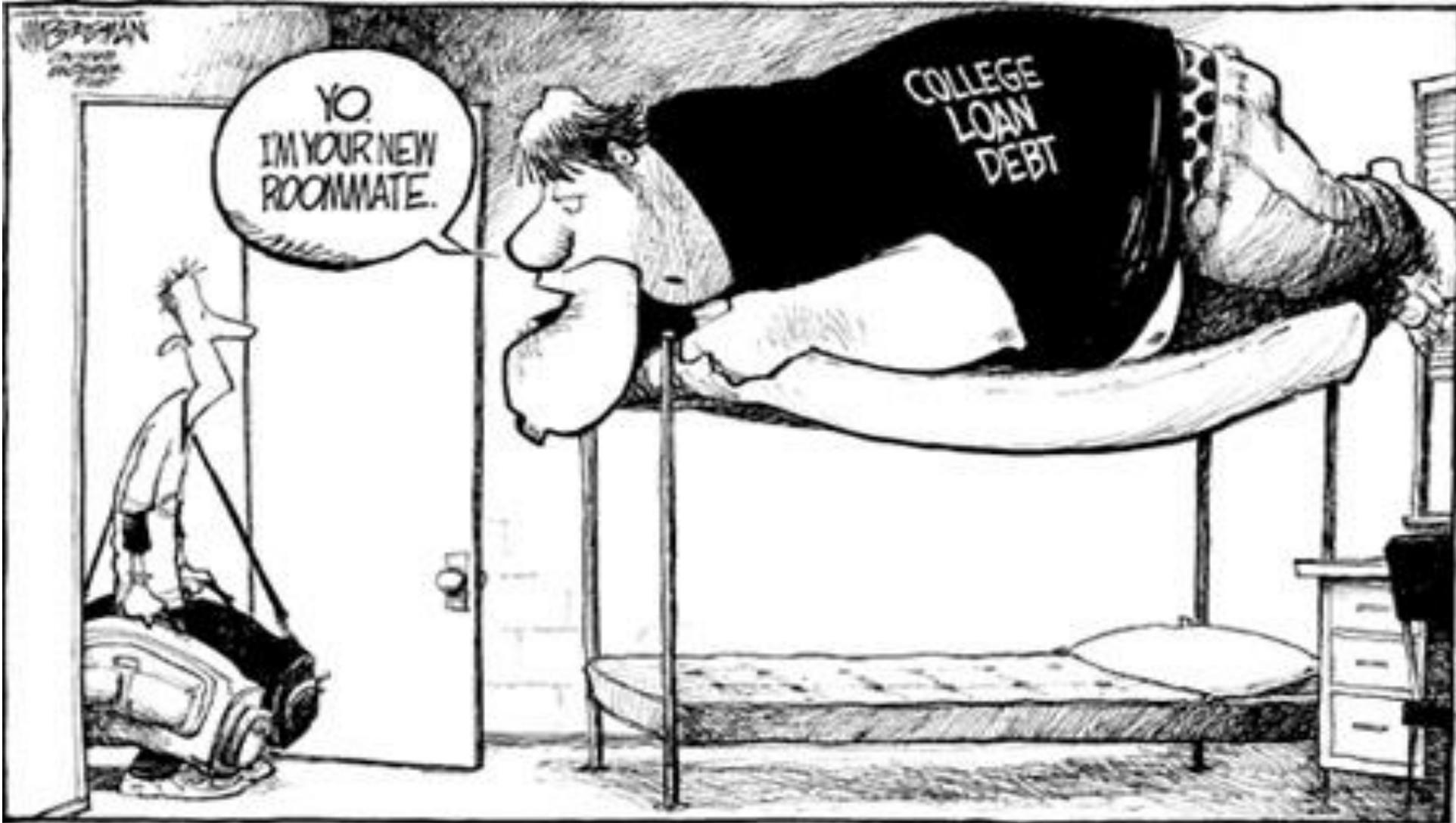
RIGHT

MIDDLE

AREA OF AGREEMENT.

Domestic Policy: What's in it for me?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DBYT>



...FOR THE NEXT THIRTY YEARS

Issue: Income Inequality

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QPKKQnijnsM>



ACTUAL DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH



WHAT AMERICANS THINK IT IS



WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE IT TO BE



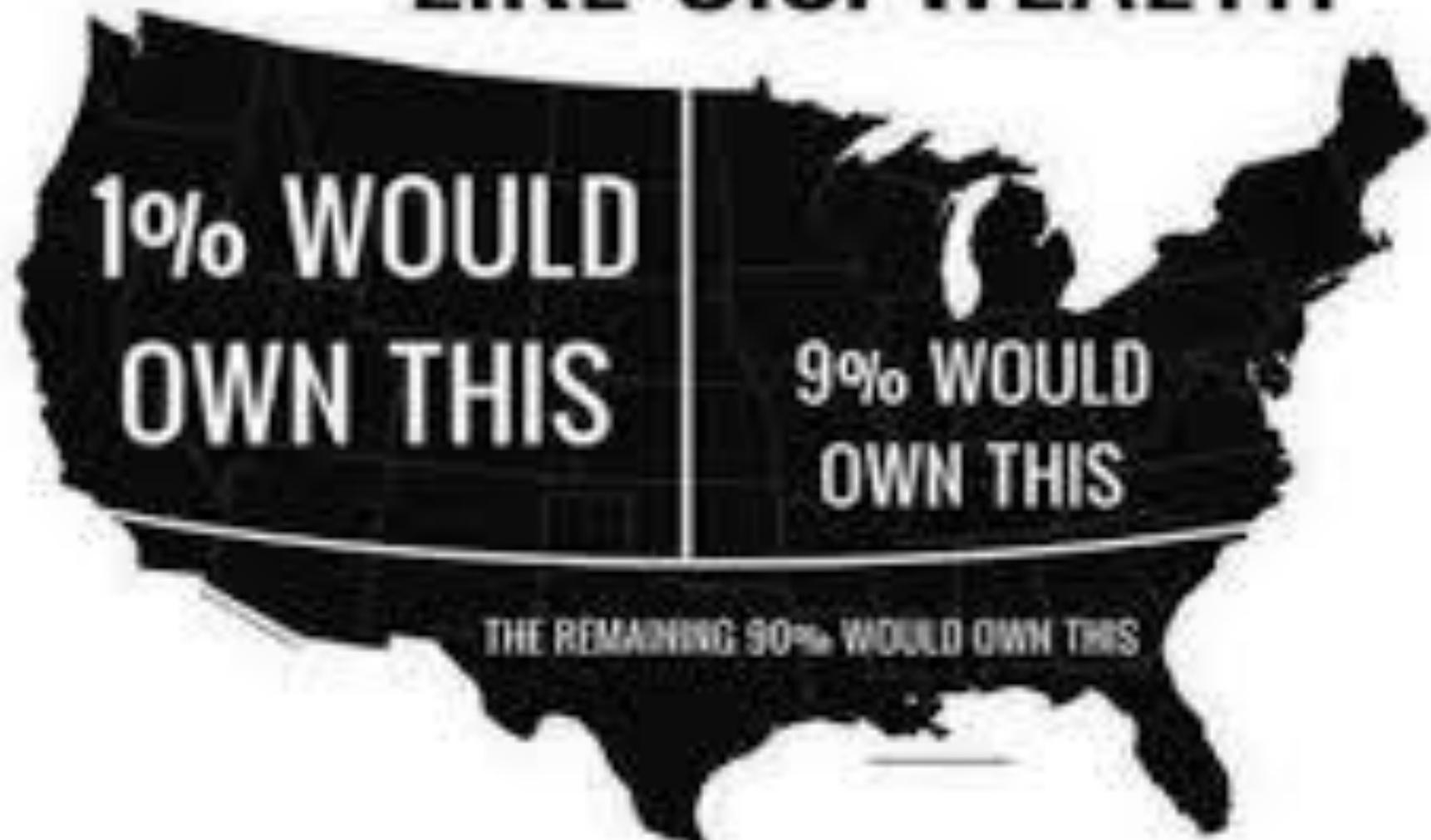
- top 20% ■
- second 20% ■
- third 20% ■
- fourth 20% ■
- bottom 20% ■

0 20 40 60 80 100

Source: Michael I. Norton, Harvard Business School; Dan Ariely, Duke University



IF U.S. LAND WERE DIVIDED LIKE U.S. WEALTH



What do Liberals generally support?

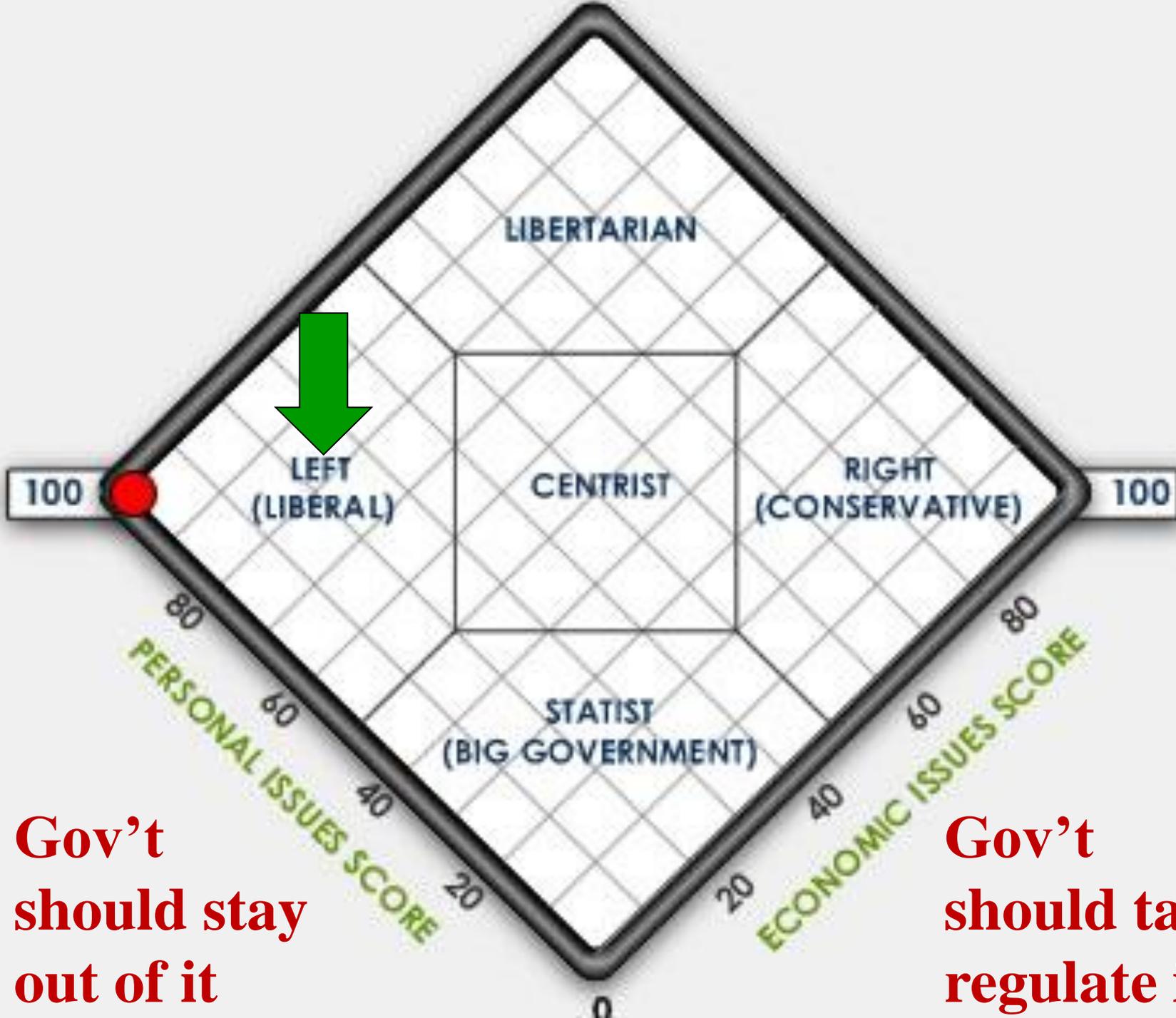
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Democrat Party

- * raising taxes for wealthiest “1%” to pay for programs for the “99%”
- * more gov’t regulations on corporations to help working families (minimum wage, paid sick leave, health-insurance, etc.) gov’t-funded “safety net” programs to help the poor
- * gov’t regulation to stop climate change
- * free public education (pre-K –community college+)
- * protecting borders/pathway to citizenship for illegal immigrants
- * less gov’t regulation of personal/moral choices: abortion, same-sex marriage, adult drug use
- * more gun control
- * fair trade/tariffs to protect jobs
- * defend civil liberties for voters, the accused, minority groups
- * anti-death penalty

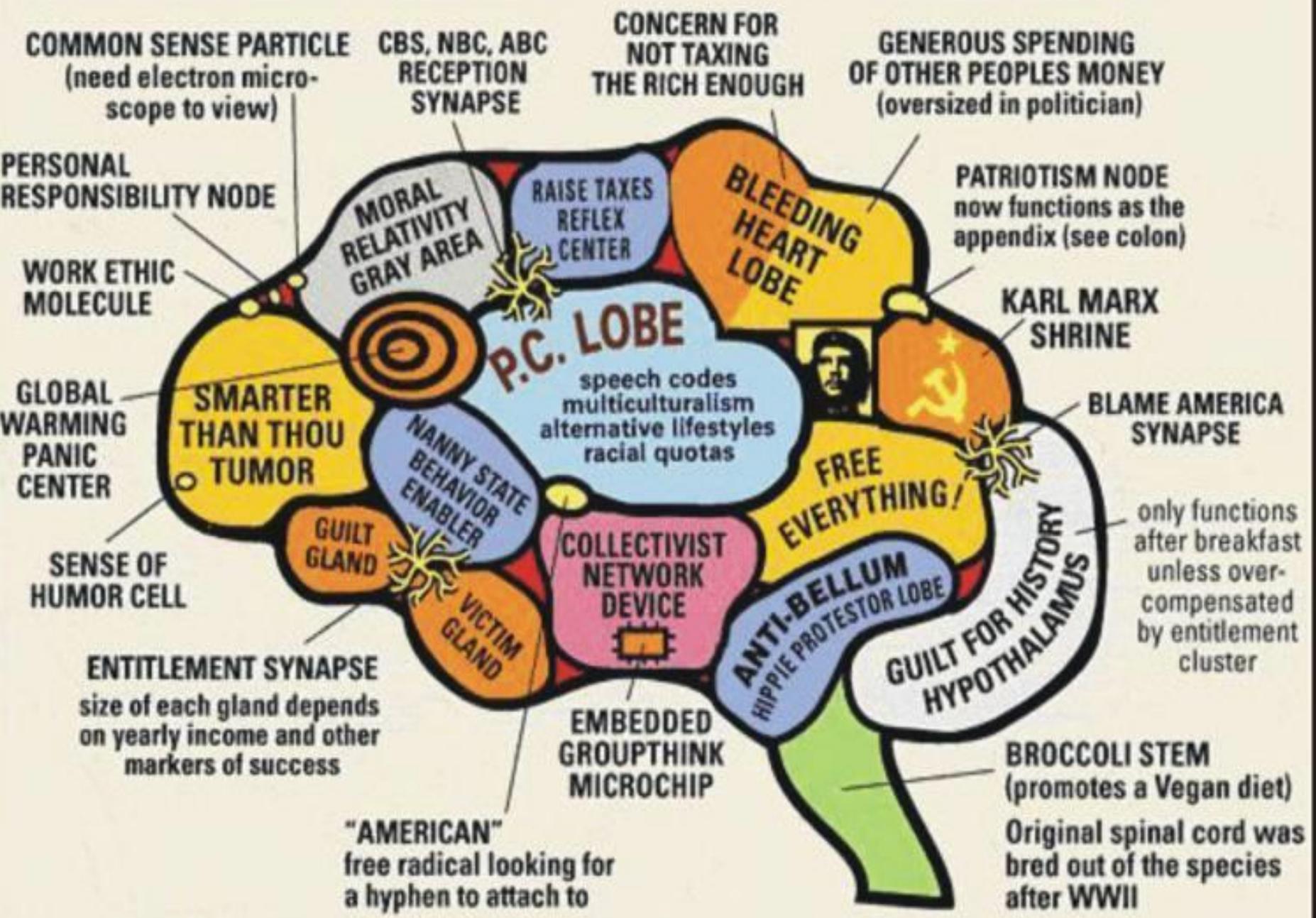




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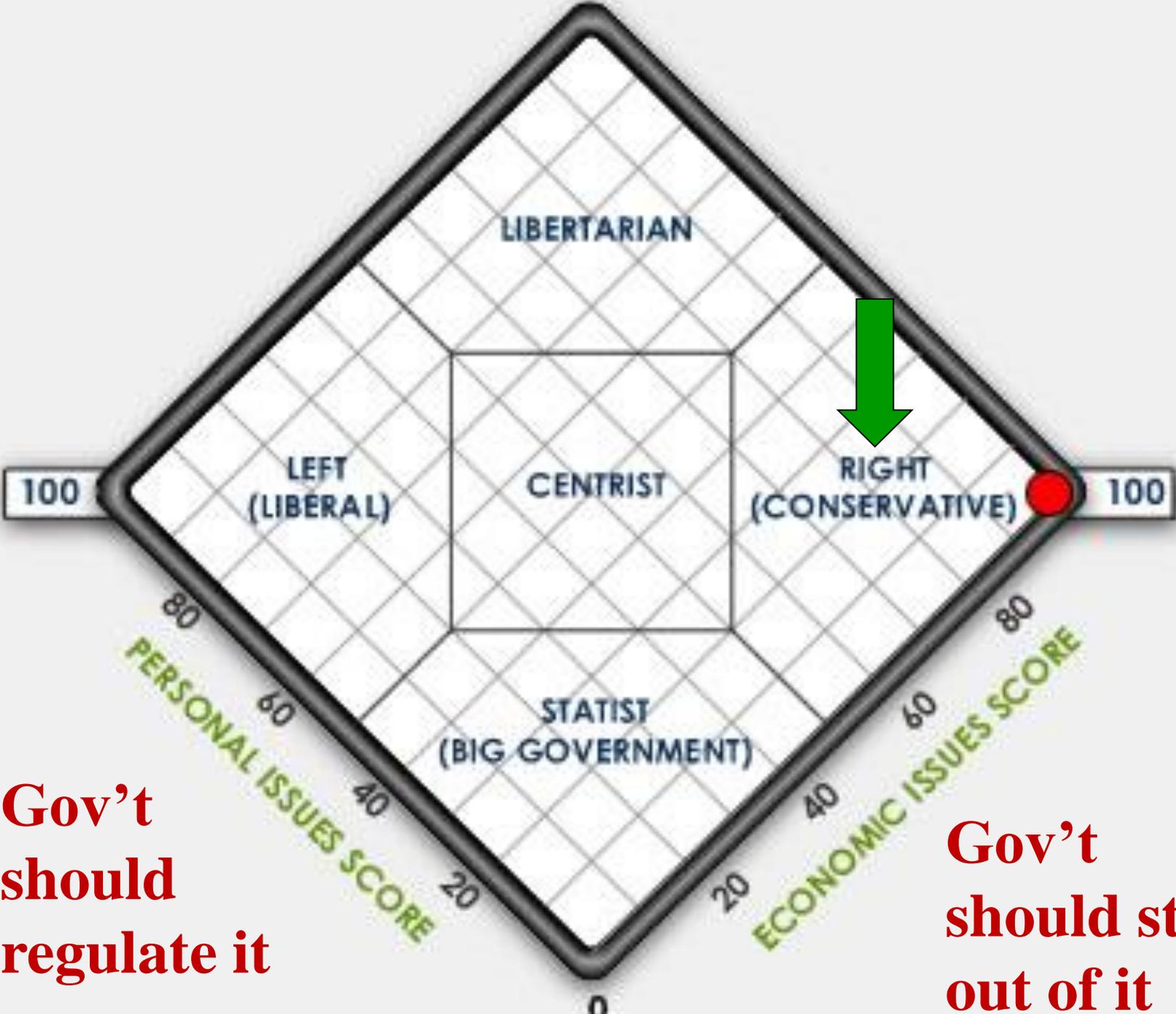




Conservatives generally support

- ★ **Republican Party**
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- ★ reducing gov't regulations/taxes on corporations so they can create more jobs
- ★ reducing taxes for all citizens (including "1%")
- ★ cutting federal "safety net" programs for the poor (states, churches, charities should help the poor)
- ★ protecting borders; deporting illegal immigrants
- ★ states' rights/local control of issues like education
- ★ Gov't regulation of morality/traditional family values (oppose abortion; same-sex marriage; adult drug use)
- ★ 2nd Amendment gun rights
- ★ Safety and security over civil liberties and privacy
- ★ Free trade (let the market, not government control the economy)
- ★ http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/marco-rubio-rand-paul_5642b372e4b045bf3decf12b





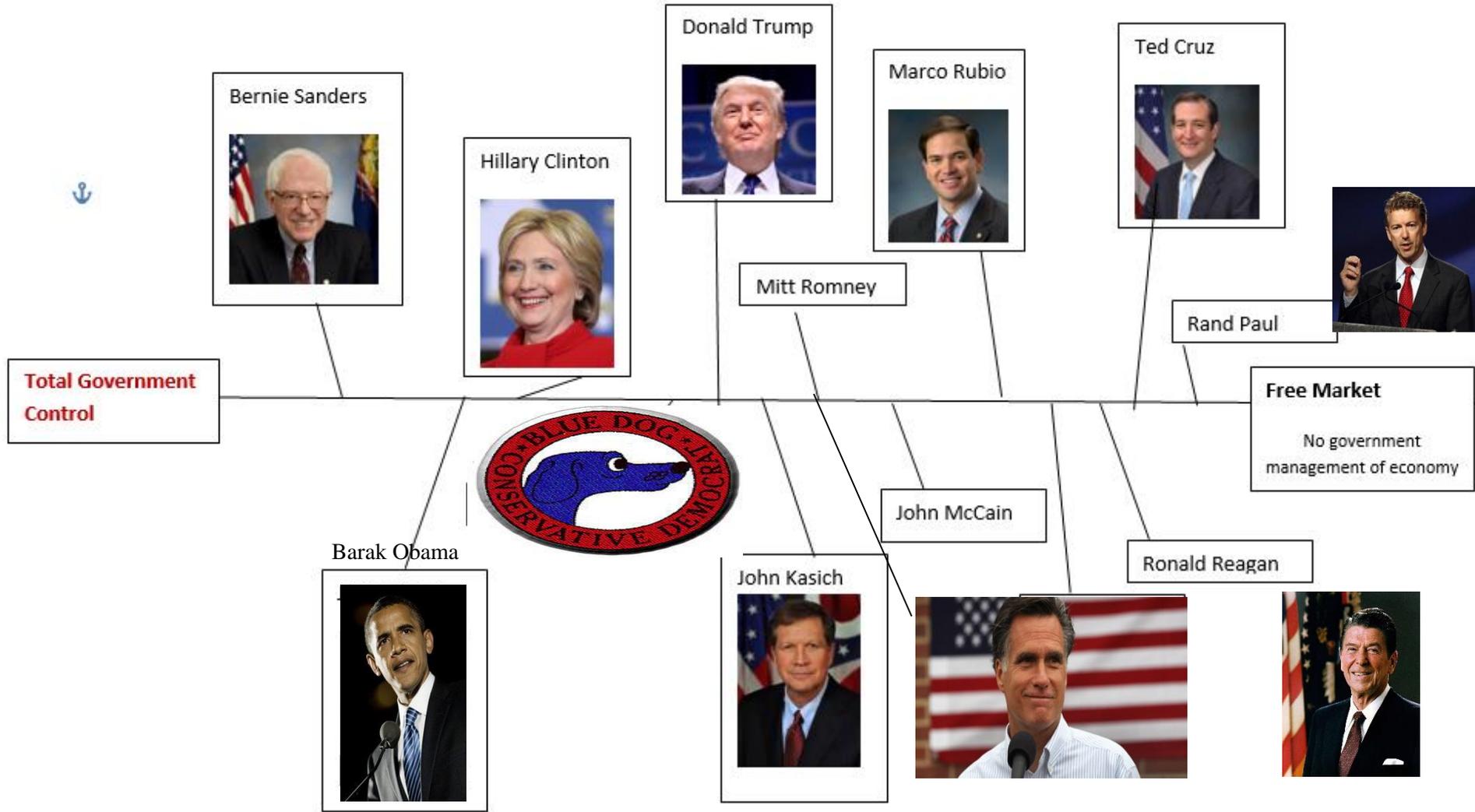
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Most Liberal?

Most Conservative?



Centrists

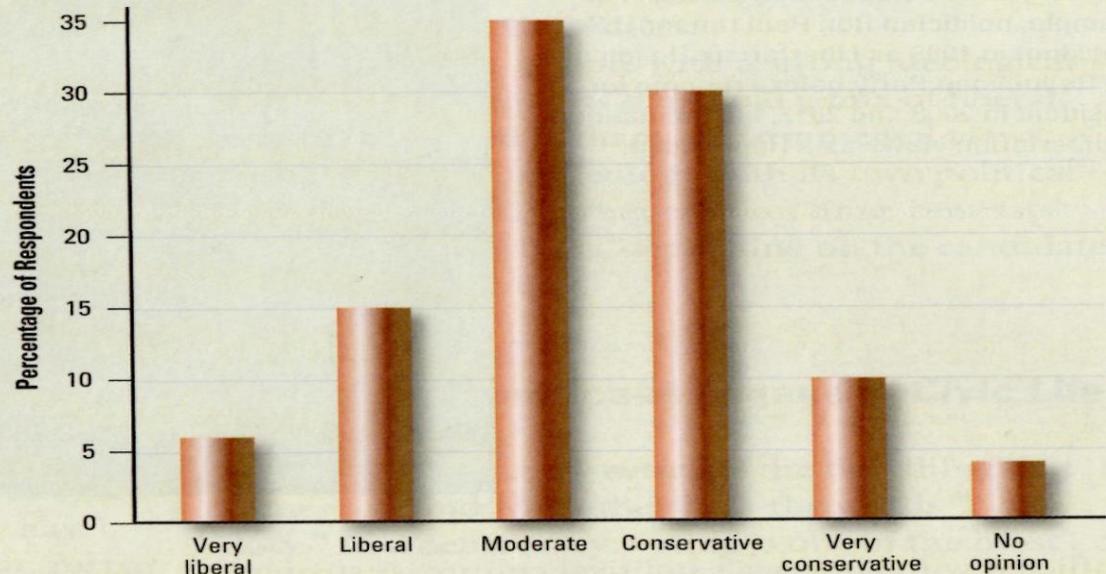
- ★ Aka “swing voters” or “moderates”
- ★ a majority of Americans identify themselves as centrist
- ★ mix of liberal & conservative views/cross party lines
- ★ vote for candidates and issues, not parties
- ★ prefer a “middle ground” compromises and “practical” solutions instead of political “extremes”



Where Americans Lie on the Political Spectrum

The political spectrum runs from the liberal left to the conservative right. This graph shows the percentages of Americans who identified themselves as liberal, conservative, or moderate in 2011. A majority of Americans put themselves somewhere in the moderate middle.

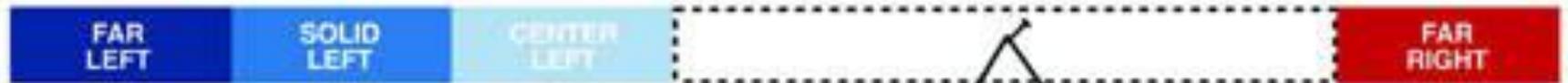
Liberal and Conservative Self-Identification, 2011

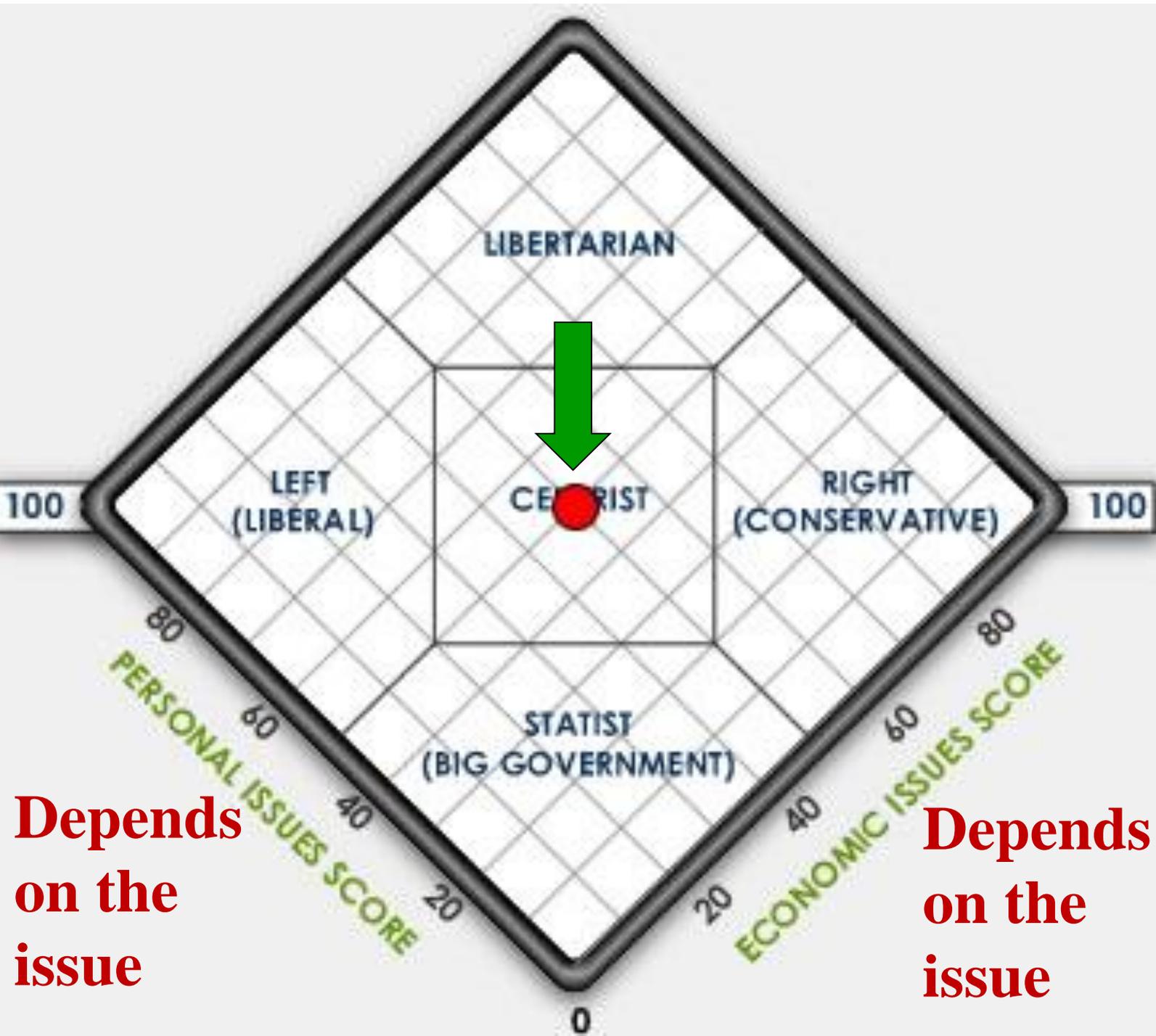




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AMERICA'S POLITICAL SPECTRUM





**Depends
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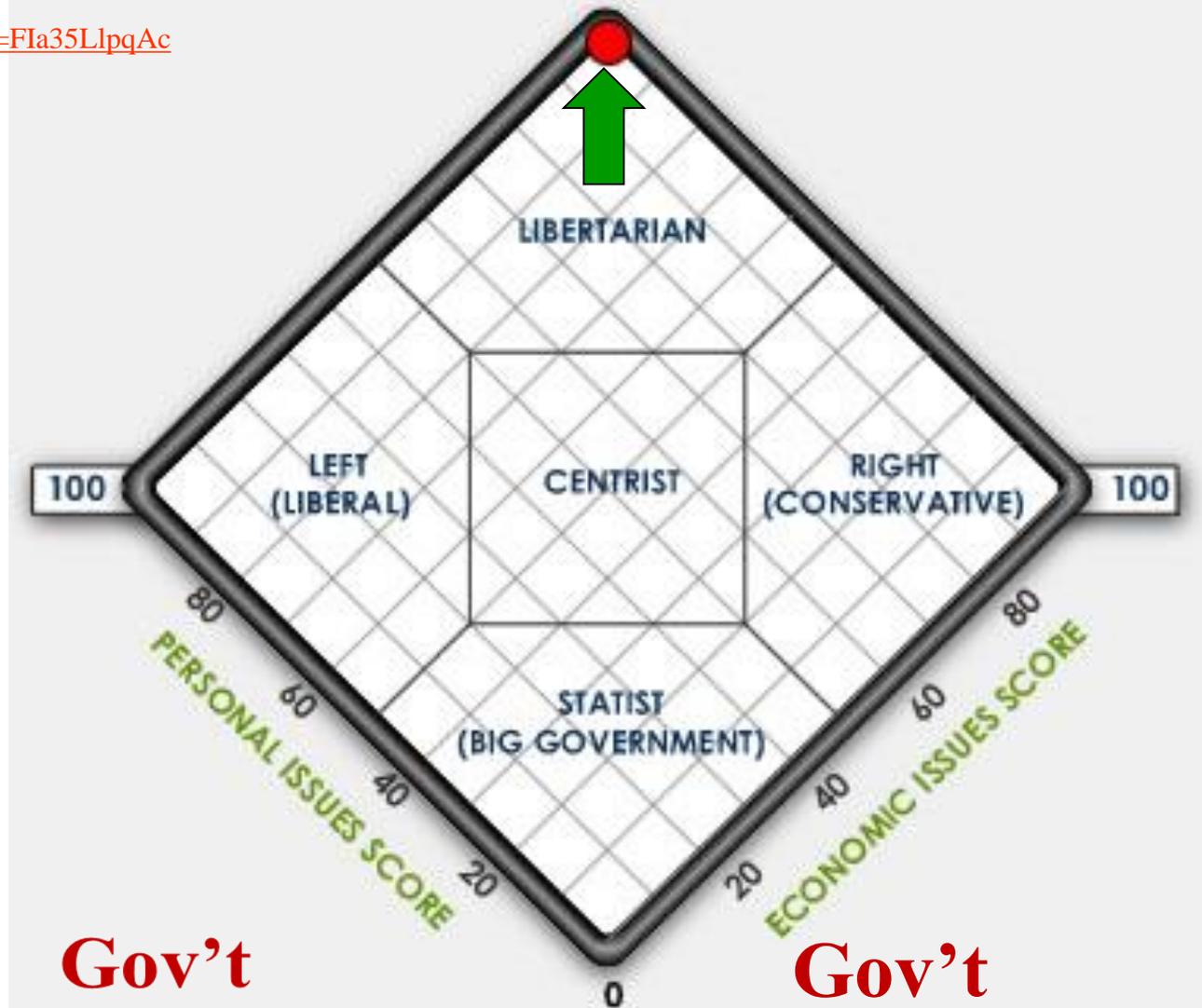
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Libertarian

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FIa35LlpqAc>

- * Liberal on personal freedom/civil liberties
- * Conservative on economic issues (lower taxes; less gov't regulation)
- * www.politics1.com

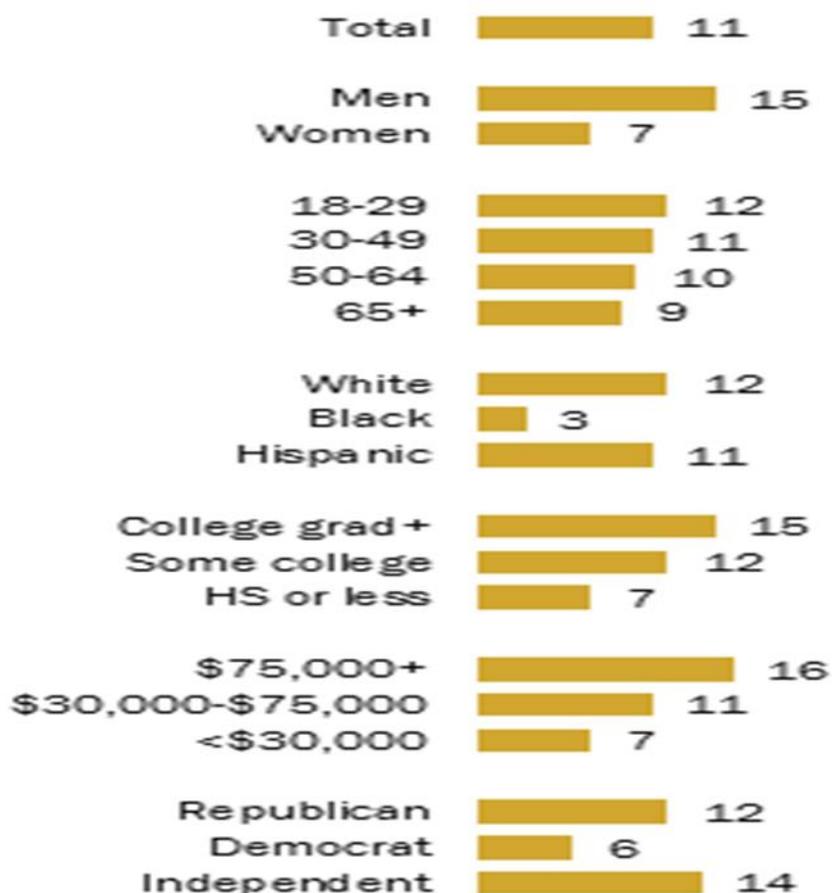


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Who Calls Themselves Libertarian?

% saying 'libertarian' describes them well and know term's meaning

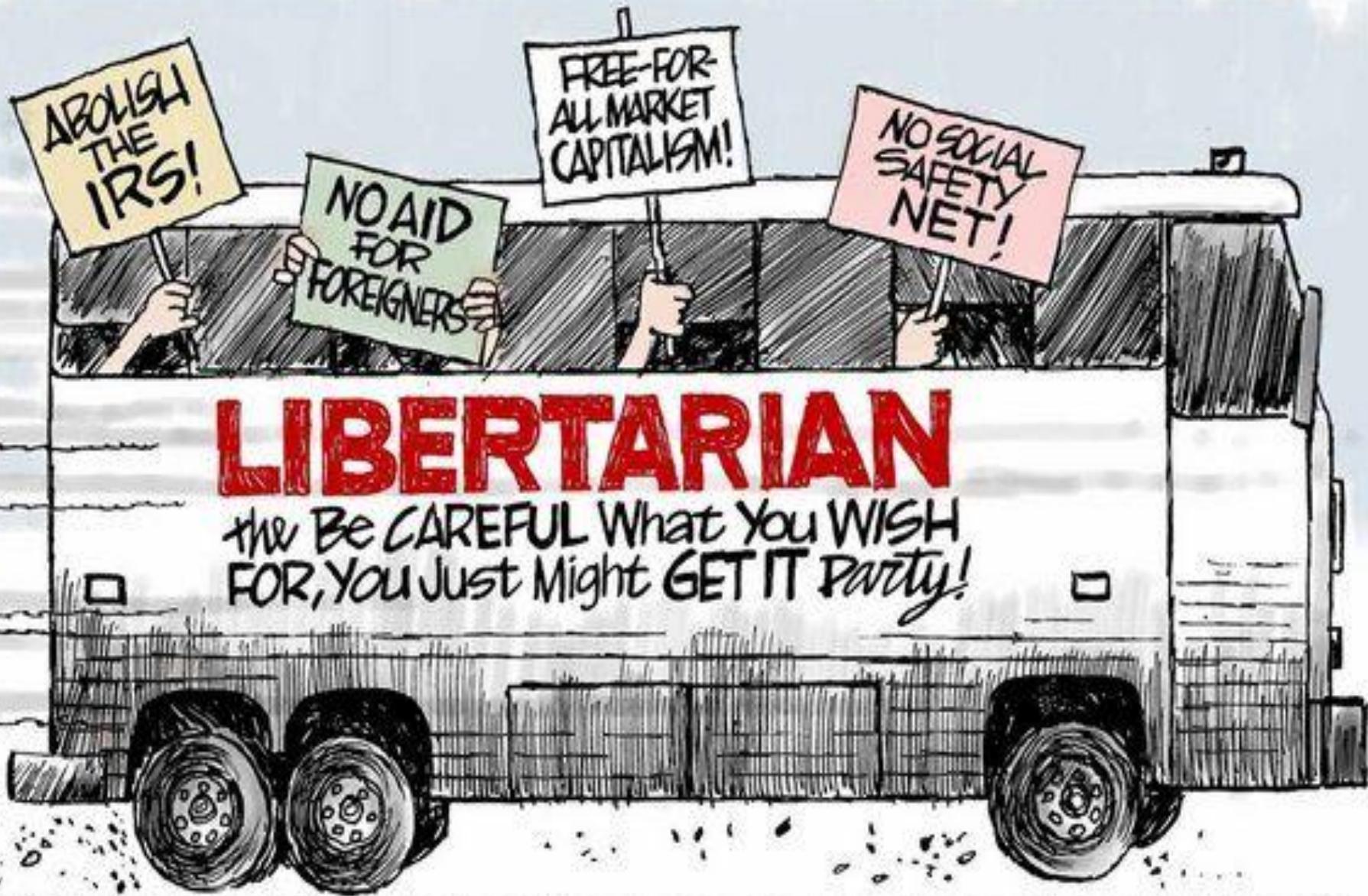


American Trends Panel (wave 3) April 29-May 27, 2014.

14% say the term libertarian describes them well; 77% of those know the definition (11% of total), while 23% do not (3% of total).

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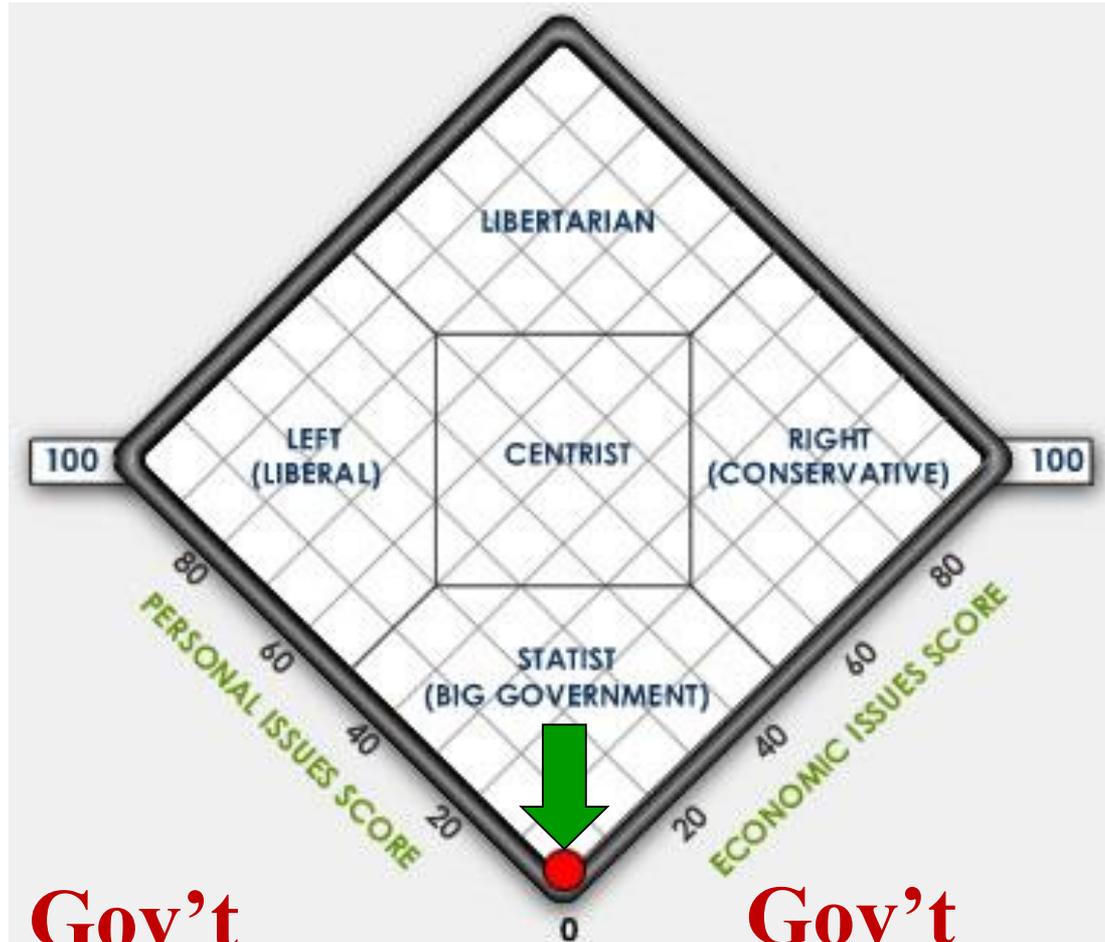




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NORM

Statist/Authoritarian

- * opposite of libertarian
- * gov't should control economy and personal behavior
- * distrust the free market
- * oppose diverse lifestyles



**Gov't
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regulate it**

**Gov't
Should tax &
regulate it**

* www.politics1.com



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dIfh-wkPMvpc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ExXYYth2jWs>

ERICALLIE
CALLECAROONS
FOLLOW @DIAPER

Summary of Political Spectrum

- ★ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cW9dxFrAk-I>



CORNELL NOTE REFLECTION:

Now that you know the definitions of “Liberal”, “Centrist”, “Conservative”, “Libertarian” and “Authoritarian”, please write 4-5 sentences reflecting on your own political ideology.

What issues are most important to you?

What do you like/dislike about characterizing political ideology on a spectrum or a diamond?

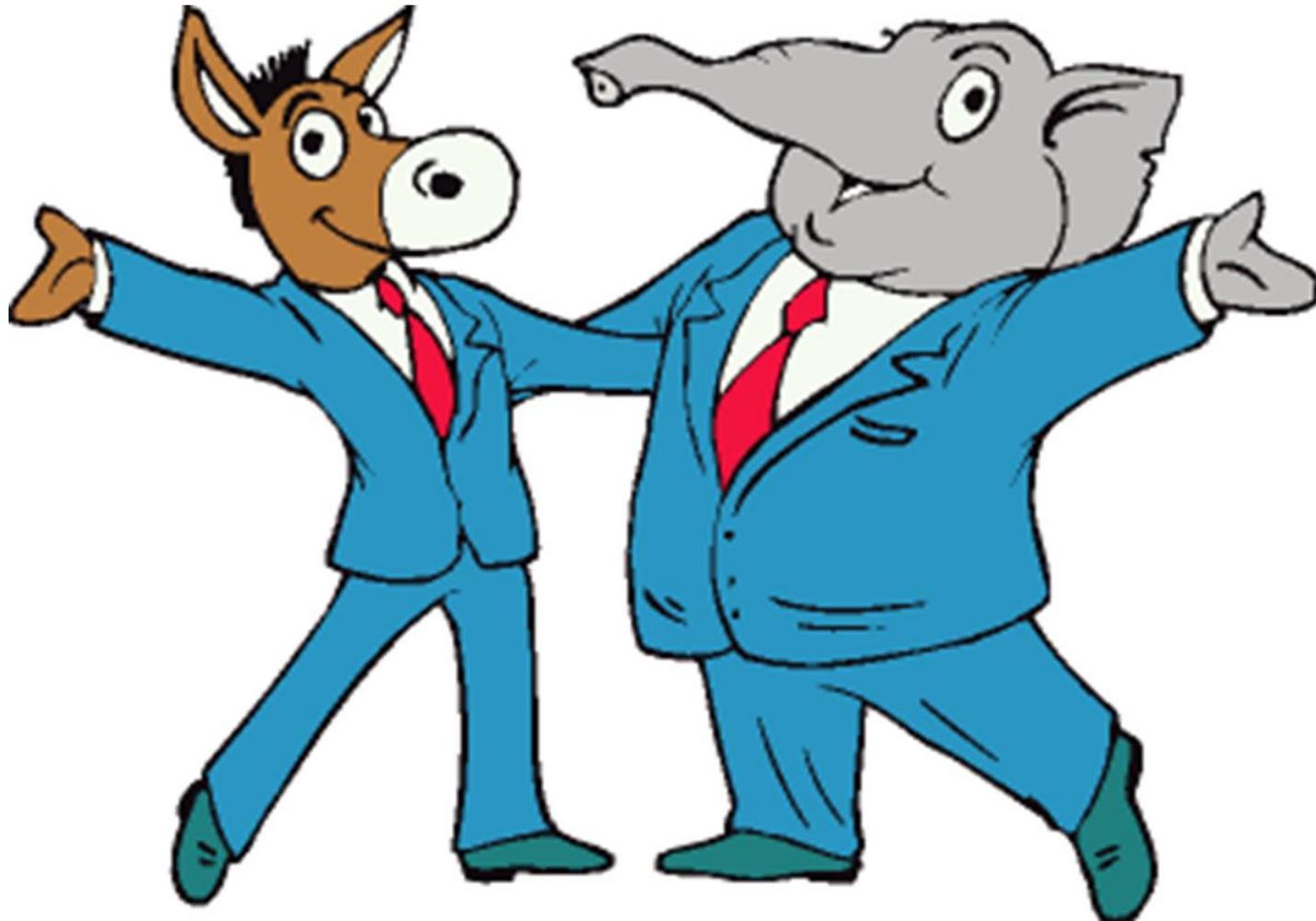


Liberal

Centrist

Conservative

Political Parties



Political parties are players in the game of politics.

- ★ **Private organizations based on**
 - **common political ideology**
- ★ **#1 Priority =**
- ★ **To control government**
 - **by gaining and holding public office through elections**



“The common
mischiefs
of the spirit of
party are sufficient
to make it the
interest and duty
of a wise people to
discourage
and restrain it”

~

George Washington

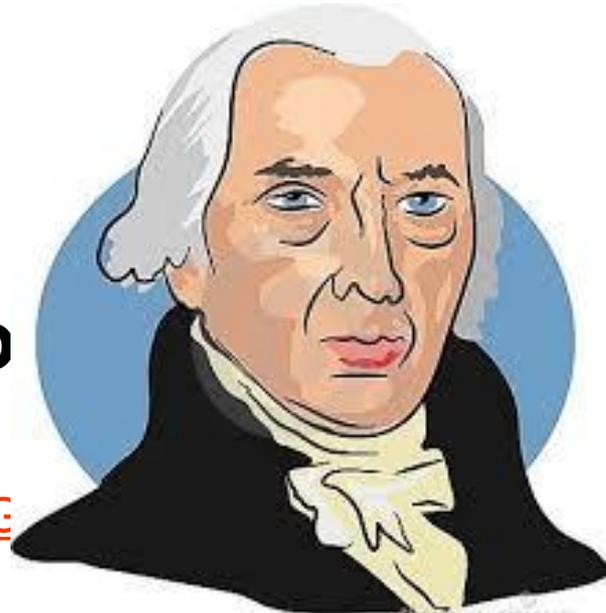
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Originally, the founders did not anticipate political parties.

- ★ Washington warned against factions tearing the country apart.
- ★ Madison wrote in Federalist #10 that they were bound to develop.

★ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CN95-ICOMI>



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- ★ Today, the Republicans and the Democrats are the two major parties.



- ★ 3rd parties promote new ideas but rarely win.

- ★ www.politics1.com



Why is party power diminishing in U.S.?

- * More “Unaffiliated” voters**
- * More 3rd parties (like Libertarians)**
- * Candidates can go straight to voters using social media**
- * Frustrated voters**
 - Negative ads and \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ from Super PACS**

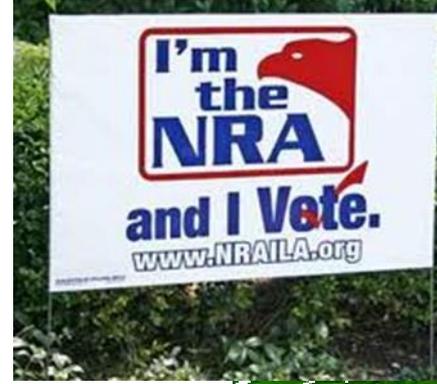


Special Interest Groups

- ★ Represent concerns and causes of their members by
 - explaining complex views to public officials
 - raising public awareness
 - monitoring the voting records of public officials for their members
 - www.votesmart.org



Powerful Special Interest Groups



MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving)

Sierra Club (protect the environment)

Chamber of Commerce (small businesses)

AFL-CIO (labor union)

CTA (California Teachers Association)

Consumers Union

American Medical Association

AARP (American Association of Retired Persons)

NRA (National Rifle Association)

NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People)

American Bar Association

National Council of Churches

MALDEF (Mexican American Legal Defense/Education Fund)

International Brotherhood of Teamsters

How are special interest groups different from political parties?

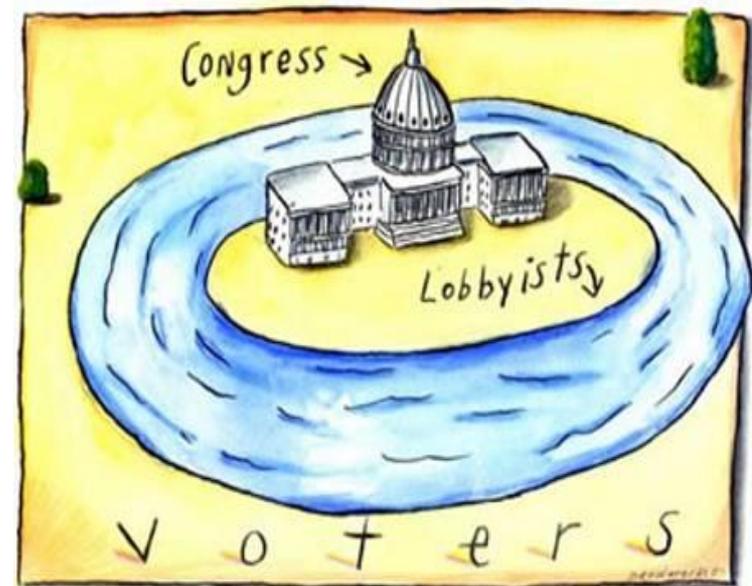
- ★ Their concerns are much more narrow in scope.
- ★ They don't have candidates themselves.
- ★ They want to influence elections and public policy.



Lobbyists

- ★ professionally employed to lobby on behalf of special interest groups.
- ★ to persuade legislators to vote for bills

- ★ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R2DUM6jVasw>



Super PACS



- ★ Can raise & spend
- ★ unlimited sums of money
- ★ from corporations
- ★ to advocate for or against political candidates

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1nz6LVYD4As>

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oy7TUtlPmqk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6BdrMu9LUZE>

4-5 Sentence Reflection

- * How might the relationship between candidates and interest groups be beneficial for democracy? How might it be harmful?**
- * Bernie Sanders claims he wouldn't support any Supreme Court justice who agreed with the Citizens United decision which allowed Super PACs to give unlimited and ANONYMOUS contributions from corporations to candidates. Are you feeling the "Bern" on this issue, too? Why or why not?**



Learning Targets

- ★ **Examine how the election process promotes conflict or cooperation.**
- ★ **Investigate the strategies of political parties, special interest groups and PACs.**
- ★ **Evaluate the impact of interest groups and Super PACS on public policy.**



STATE OF THE UNION



GOP RESPONSE



TEA PARTY RESPONSE



LIBERTARIAN RESPONSE



UNHINGED RESPONSE



USUAL RESPONSE

