

WHERE DO YOU STAND POLITICALLY?

To find out, take the world-famous...

World's Smallest Political Quiz

For years, politics has been represented as a choice between left (or liberal) and right (or conservative). Growing numbers of thinkers agree this is far too narrow a view — and excludes millions of people. The political map on the Quiz gives a much

more accurate representation of the true, diverse political world. The Quiz measures *tendencies*, not absolutes. Your score shows who most agrees with you in politics, and where you agree and disagree with other political philosophies.

—Scoring: For each statement, circle A if you Agree, M for Maybe (or don't know), or D if you Disagree.—

How do you stand on PERSONAL ISSUES?

- | | 20 | 10 | 0 |
|--|----|----|---|
| ◆ Government should not censor speech, press, media or Internet. | A | M | D |
| ◆ Military service should be voluntary. There should be no draft. | A | M | D |
| ◆ There should be no laws regarding sex between consenting adults. | A | M | D |
| ◆ Repeal laws prohibiting adult possession and use of drugs. | A | M | D |
| ◆ There should be no National ID card. | A | M | D |

SCORING 20 for every A, 10 for every M, and 0 for every D: _____

How do you stand on ECONOMIC ISSUES?

- | | 20 | 10 | 0 |
|---|----|----|---|
| ◆ End "corporate welfare." No government handouts to business. | A | M | D |
| ◆ End government barriers to international free trade. | A | M | D |
| ◆ Let people control their own retirement: privatize Social Security. | A | M | D |
| ◆ Replace government welfare with private charity. | A | M | D |
| ◆ Cut taxes and government spending by 50% or more. | A | M | D |

SCORING 20 for every A, 10 for every M, and 0 for every D: _____

► NOW FIND YOUR PLACE ON THE CHART!

Mark your **PERSONAL** score on the lower-left scale; your **ECONOMIC** score on the lower-right. Then follow the grid lines until they meet at your political position. The Chart shows the political group that agrees with you most.

► WHAT DOES YOUR SCORE ON THE CHART MEAN?

LIBERTARIANS support a great deal of liberty and freedom of choice in both personal and economic matters. They believe government's only purpose is to protect people from coercion and violence. They value individual responsibility, and tolerate economic and social diversity.

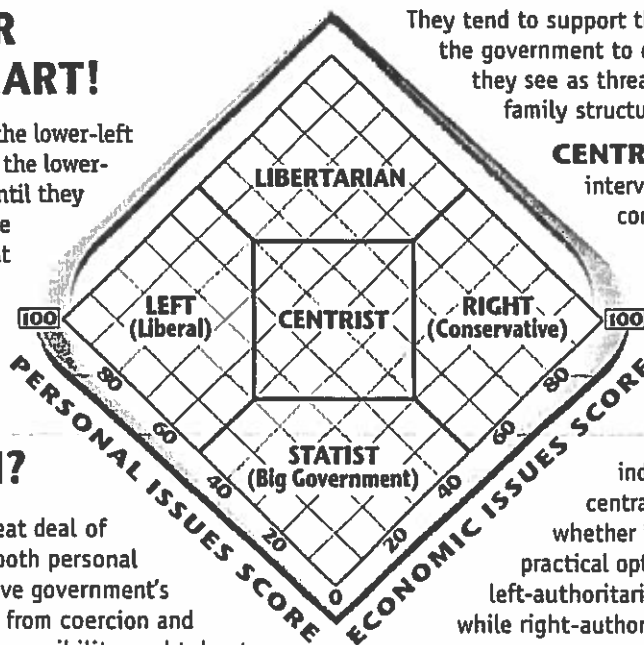
LEFT-LIBERALS generally embrace freedom of choice in personal matters, but support central decision-making in economics. They want the government to help the disadvantaged in the name of fairness. Leftists tolerate social diversity, but work for what they might describe as "economic equality."

RIGHT-CONSERVATIVES favor freedom of choice on economic issues, but want official standards in personal matters.

They tend to support the free market, but frequently want the government to defend the community from what they see as threats to morality or to the traditional family structure.

CENTRISTS favor selective government intervention and emphasize what they commonly describe as "practical solutions" to current problems. They tend to keep an open mind on political issues. Many centrists feel that government serves as a check on excessive liberty.

STATISTS want government to have a great deal of control over individuals and society. They support centralized planning, and often doubt whether liberty and freedom of choice are practical options. At the very bottom of the chart, left-authoritarians are usually called socialists, while right-authoritarians are generally called fascists.



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Directions: Complete the World's Smallest Political Quiz and answer the following reflection questions.

1. What was your Personal Issues score? _____ (zero – 100)
2. What was your Economic Issues score? _____ (zero – 100)
3. According to the chart, to which political group should you belong? _____
4. Do you think this group matches your political beliefs? Why or why not? _____

5. Considering all five political groups, write a (potential) strength and a (potential) shortcoming for each.

a. Libertarians _____

b. Liberals _____

c. Conservatives _____

d. Centrists _____

e. Statists _____

6. Share this quiz with someone in your family/household. How do your answers compare to others? _____
