

	Liberals (Democrats)	Conservatives (Republicans)
Economic Issues		
Taxes	increase taxes on wealthy	tax cuts for everyone
Business Regulation	more gov't reg.	less gov't reg.
Job Creation	public works, infrastructure	tax cuts, laissez faire business cycle
Other		
Social Issues		
Retirement	- leave social security alone; raise amount contributed	- partial privatization of S.S.
Health Care	- universal health care (Obamacare)	- health care shouldn't be mandated - private sector
Education	more funding for public schools *	- school choice - vouchers - charter schools
Gun Control	- limit guns, more background checks, etc.	- 2nd Amend. rights
Environmentalism	- Believe in human-caused climate change Gov't should have rules & regulations to help env.	- Environmental regulations hurt the economy
Civil Rights	- support gov't minority groups.	Leave civil rights up to states & private institutions.
Moral Issues		
Church/State	Sep. church/state	Judeo-Christian values must be present in all aspects of society.
Same Sex Marriage	support	oppose
Abortion	- pro-choice - abortion rights	- pro-life - anti-abortion
Foreign Policy		
War on Terror	- Foreign diplomacy <u>Diplomacy</u>	- Maintain military dominance
War in Afghanistan	- Military as last resort - End war in Afghanistan	- ↑ military spending

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