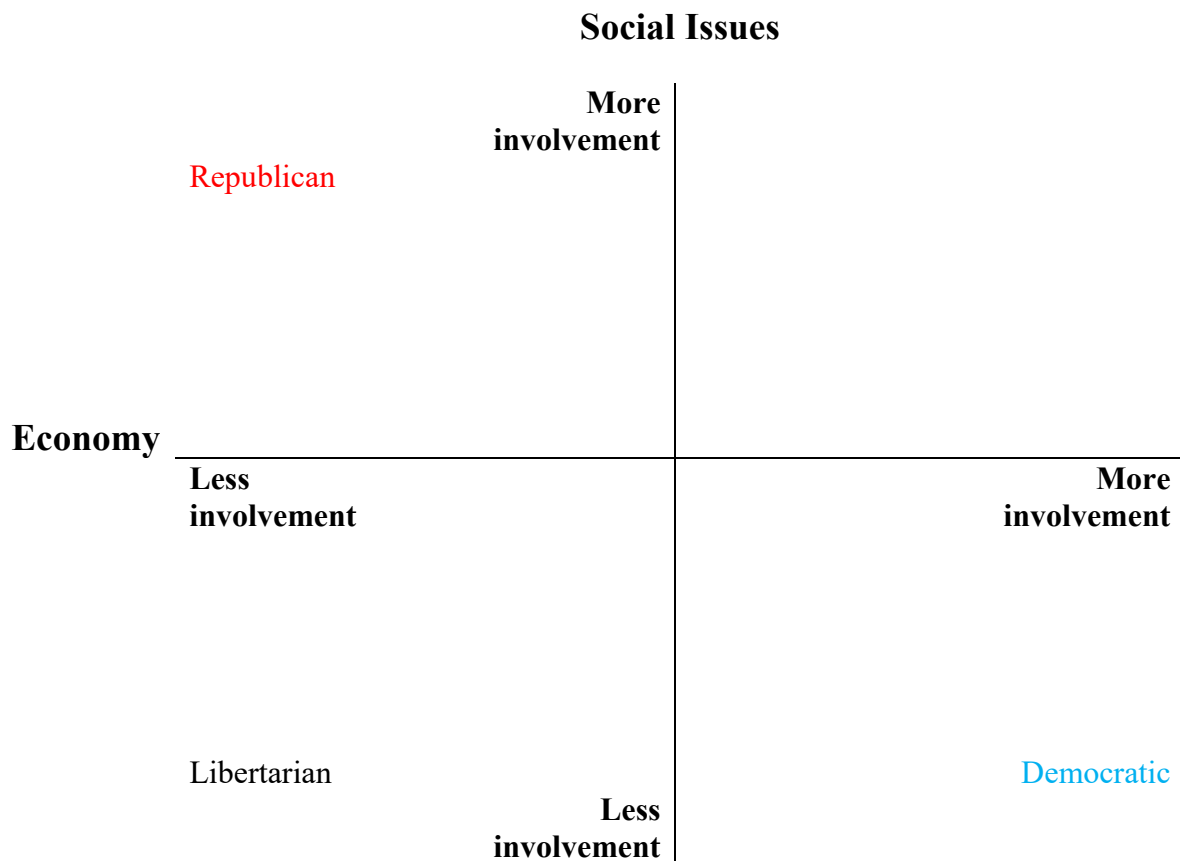


Attitudes toward government involvement by some political parties in the US (in general)



It is often said that Republicans are the party that wants less government. The US party that can make the claim of being most consistently in favor of “less government” is the Libertarian Party.

Republican Party:

Less government involvement on economic issues: lower taxes, less government spending, fewer environmental regulations

More government involvement in social issues: regulation or banning abortion, regulation of speech, use of drugs (prohibiting use including cannabis and tough prosecution), tougher policing

Democratic Party:

More government involvement in economic issues: higher taxes, more government spending on social programs (such as health care, poverty reduction, stimulating the economy)

Less government involvement in social issues: less regulation of abortion, speech and other civil liberties, more lenient drug laws and less severe punishment, more protection of defendant’s rights

Libertarian Party:

Less government involvement in both: lower taxes, lower government spending, less government involvement in social issues (including the choice to use drugs). Another example is opposing government food inspection. Instead of relying on the government to ensure food safety, Libertarians expect the market to regulate this: consumers will not buy food that is dangerous.