

ASSIGNMENT: POLITICAL IDEOLOGY

For this assignment, you will go to a website where you will answer a series of questions that will be used to classify your political ideology (liberal, conservative, etc.). According to this website, a person's political ideology is "a consistent set of values and beliefs about the proper purpose and scope of government."

Instructions:

- (a) Go to <http://idealog.org/en/quiz>
 - A pop-up box will appear. Click on "OK" to get started.
- (b) Begin with the "INTRODUCTION."
 - Read the material and follow any prompts.
 - Click on "Next →" to continue to the next page and next section.
- (c) Continue on and read the "TUTORIAL" section for an explanation of political ideology.

NOTE: Please copy the definition for each ideology described (liberal, conservative, communitarian, libertarian) into the appropriate grid on the table on the back of this sheet.

- (d) Continue on and take the "SELF-TEST" by answering the questions that appear on the screen. Sometimes the choices will not be exactly what you want to answer, but try to provide the response that comes closest to your own views.

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE GRID AND
ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ON THE BACK SIDE OF THIS SHEET.**

Political Ideology	
Equality	
<p>Liberal</p> <p>Liberals tolerate variety in life-styles, but favor government intervention in economic areas. They see government as a means to help the disadvantaged achieve greater equality.</p>	<p>Communitarian</p> <p>Communitarians see the needs of the individual as subordinate to the needs of society, hence Communitarians combine the central planning of both liberals and conservatives. They see government as a means to "correct wrongs."</p>
<p>Libertarian</p> <p>Libertarians, along with liberals tolerate variety in lifestyles. With the conservatives, they tolerate variety in economic achievement.</p>	<p>Conservative</p> <p>Conservatives oppose government intervention in the economy, but favor government intervention in matters of lifestyle. They see government as a means to defend the community from threats to accepted practices.</p>
Freedom	Order

- (1) Fill in the table above with the appropriate labels and definitions from the tutorial.
- (2) According to the results from the self-test, what is your political ideology? Place an X or a ☺ on the grid to indicate where you ended up. Do the results sound right to you? Is it what you expected before you took the test? If not, what did you expect?

The results seem mostly accurate to me. I expected to be a little more liberal on the order axis, and I self-placed myself near the center of the liberal box.