

# BLOC\_SUMMARY

## Political Bloc Configuration Summary

### Overview

This document summarizes 13 distinct political blocs across the ideological spectrum, from communists to fascists. Each bloc is defined by its positions on five key policy dimensions.

### Dimension Key

All blocs are scored 0-6 on five dimensions:

Dimension	0 (Liberal/Open)	6 (Conservative/Closed)
Trade	Free trade/globalist	Protectionist/nationalist
Abortion	Pro-choice	Pro-life
Migration	Open borders	Closed borders/restrictive
Economics	Free market/laissez-faire	Heavy intervention/planning
Rights	Progressive individualism	Traditional/communitarian

### Visual Spectrum Legend

Purple (0) → Blue (1) → Green (2) → Yellow (3) →  
Orange (4) → Red (5) → Dark Slate (6)

## 1. Communists

**Description:** Marxist-Leninist vanguard. Centrally planned economy, abolition of private property, dictatorship of the proletariat.

**Reference Ideology:** ✓ (Used as reference point)

### Ideal Spectrum

- **Trade:** (6 - Maximum protectionist)
- **Abortion:** (1 - Pro-choice)
- **Migration:** (1 - Open)
- **Economics:** (6 - Maximum central planning)
- **Rights:** (5 - Communitarian/authoritarian)

**Key Dimensions:** Economics, Rights, Trade

**Full Spectrum:** **Key Dimension Colors:**

**Examples:** CPUSA, Party for Socialism and Liberation, Lenin, Stalin, Mao Zedong, Castro, Marxist-Leninist parties worldwide, vanguard party advocates

## 2. Revolutionary Socialists

**Description:** Anti-capitalist left. Worker control of production, abolish capitalism via mass movements, democratic socialism with revolutionary aims.

**Reference Ideology:** ✓ (Used as reference point)

## Ideal Spectrum

- **Trade:** (5 - Highly protectionist)
- **Abortion:** (0 - Strongly pro-choice)
- **Migration:** (1 - Open)
- **Economics:** (6 - Maximum intervention)
- **Rights:** (2 - Progressive)

**Key Dimensions:** Economics, Rights, Trade

**Full Spectrum:**

**Key Dimension Colors:**

**Examples:** Socialist Alternative, Kshama Sawant (Seattle), Trotskyists, Rosa Luxemburg, Leon Trotsky, anti-imperialist left, hardline DSA members, Jacobin's revolutionary wing

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## 3. Social Democrat Union

**Description:** Protectionist social democrats. Labor-focused, anti-free trade, pro-choice, extensive redistribution, progressive rights.

**Reference Ideology:** X

### Ideal Spectrum

- **Trade:** (5 - Highly protectionist)
- **Abortion:** (0 - Strongly pro-choice)
- **Migration:** (2 - Moderately open)
- **Economics:** (5 - Heavy intervention)
- **Rights:** (0 - Maximum progressive)

**Key Dimensions:** Economics, Trade, Rights

**Full Spectrum:**

**Key Dimension Colors:**

**Examples:** Bernie Sanders, AOC, The Squad, DSA, Jacobin magazine, labor unions, Jeremy Corbyn (UK), Jean-Luc Mélenchon (France), Podemos (Spain), democratic socialists, economic populist left

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## 4. Postscarcity Syndicate

**Description:** Tech-optimist left. Open borders, heavy economic intervention (UBI, automation support), very progressive on social issues.

**Reference Ideology:** X

### Ideal Spectrum

- **Trade:** (1 - Free trade)
- **Abortion:** (0 - Strongly pro-choice)
- **Migration:** (0 - Maximum open borders)
- **Economics:** (5 - Heavy intervention)
- **Rights:** (0 - Maximum progressive)

**Key Dimensions:** Economics, Migration, Rights

**Full Spectrum:**

**Key Dimension Colors:**

**Examples:** Andrew Yang, Forward Party, UBI advocates, Aaron Bastani (UK), Nick Srnicek, Fully Automated Luxury Communism supporters, tech-optimist progressives, AI safety/acceleration debates, longtermist EAs, futurist left

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## 5. Nordic Model

**Description:** Social democracy. Market economy with extensive welfare state, strong unions, high taxes.

**Reference Ideology:** ✓ (Used as reference point)

### Ideal Spectrum

- **Trade:** (1 - Free trade)
- **Abortion:** (0 - Strongly pro-choice)
- **Migration:** (3 - Moderate)
- **Economics:** (4 - Significant intervention)
- **Rights:** (1 - Progressive)

**Key Dimensions:** Economics, Trade, Rights

**Full Spectrum:**

**Key Dimension Colors:**

**Examples:** Pete Buttigieg, Elizabeth Warren (USA, influenced by), Swedish Social Democrats, Danish system, Finnish model, pragmatic progressives who cite Scandinavia, European welfare state advocates

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## 6. Builder Bloc

**Description:** Pragmatic progressives. Pro-growth, state capacity building, strategically interventionist economics, YIMBY.

**Reference Ideology:** ✗

### Ideal Spectrum

- **Trade:** (2 - Mostly free trade)
- **Abortion:** (1 - Pro-choice)
- **Migration:** (1 - Open)
- **Economics:** (3 - Moderate intervention)
- **Rights:** (1 - Progressive)

**Key Dimensions:** Economics, Migration, Trade

**Full Spectrum:**

**Key Dimension Colors:**

**Examples:** Ezra Klein, Matt Yglesias, Jon Ossoff, Jerusalem Demsas, Derek Thompson, Jennifer Pahlka (USA, state capacity), Supply-Side Progressives, YIMBYs (progressive wing), New Liberals (UK), Progress Studies movement, Vox/Slow Boring writers

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## 7. Abundance Alliance

**Description:** Market-oriented growth coalition. Free trade, pro-immigration, light-touch economics, YIMBY, deregulation.

**Reference Ideology:** ✗

### Ideal Spectrum

- **Trade:** (0 - Maximum free trade)
- **Abortion:** (2 - Pro-choice leaning)
- **Migration:** (0 - Maximum open borders)
- **Economics:** (1 - Light intervention)
- **Rights:** (1 - Progressive)

**Key Dimensions:** Trade, Migration, Economics

**Full Spectrum:**

**Key Dimension Colors:**

**Examples:** Tyler Cowen, Noah Smith, Neoliberal Project, Niskanen Center, Marginal Revolution blog, market YIMBYs, Scott Alexander/Astral Codex Ten, evidence-based policy advocates, pro-growth centrists, technocratic liberals

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## 8. Libertarian Lobby

**Description:** Radical libertarians. Pure free market, minimal/no state, open borders, maximum individual liberty.

**Reference Ideology:** ✓ (Used as reference point)

### Ideal Spectrum

- **Trade:** (0 - Maximum free trade)
- **Abortion:** (1 - Pro-choice)
- **Migration:** (0 - Maximum open borders)
- **Economics:** (0 - Maximum free market)
- **Rights:** (0 - Maximum individualism)

**Key Dimensions:** Economics, Rights, Migration

**Full Spectrum:**

**Key Dimension Colors:**

**Examples:** Ron Paul, Rand Paul, Reason magazine, Cato Institute, Libertarian Party, Thomas Massie, anarcho-capitalists, Murray Rothbard, Free State Project, Bitcoin/crypto maximalists, Austrian School economists

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## 9. Liberty Caucus

**Description:** Free-market conservatives. Free trade, pro-life, moderate immigration, laissez-faire economics, traditional values.

**Reference Ideology:** ✗

### Ideal Spectrum

- **Trade:** (0 - Maximum free trade)
- **Abortion:** (4 - Pro-life)
- **Migration:** (3 - Moderate)
- **Economics:** (1 - Light intervention)
- **Rights:** (4 - Traditional)

**Key Dimensions:** Economics, Trade, Rights

**Full Spectrum:**

**Key Dimension Colors:**

**Examples:** Mitt Romney, Paul Ryan, Nikki Haley, Larry Hogan, Liz Cheney, Adam Kinzinger, Wall Street Journal editorial board, Chamber of Commerce, traditional business conservatives, pre-Trump GOP establishment, Reagan Republicans

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## 10. Localist League

**Description:** Place-based communitarians. Protectionist, restrictive immigration, localist economics, community values.

**Reference Ideology:** ✓ (Used as reference point)

### Ideal Spectrum

- **Trade:** (5 - Highly protectionist)
- **Abortion:** (4 - Pro-life)
- **Migration:** (5 - Highly restrictive)
- **Economics:** (3 - Moderate intervention)
- **Rights:** (4 - Traditional)

**Key Dimensions:** Migration, Trade, Rights

**Full Spectrum:**

**Key Dimension Colors:**

**Examples:** Front Porch Republic, Rod Dreher (USA, Benedict Option), Strong Towns (USA, Chuck Marohn), New Urbanist Congress, Wendell Berry readers, local food movement advocates, Main Street conservatives, communitarianism, subsidiarity advocates

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## 11. NatCon Corps

**Description:** National conservatives. Very protectionist, restrictive immigration, industrial policy, traditional values.

**Reference Ideology:** X

### Ideal Spectrum

- **Trade:** (6 - Maximum protectionist)
- **Abortion:** (5 - Pro-life)
- **Migration:** (6 - Closed borders)
- **Economics:** (4 - Significant intervention)
- **Rights:** (5 - Traditional/nationalist)

**Key Dimensions:** Migration, Trade, Rights

**Full Spectrum:**

**Key Dimension Colors:**

**Examples:** Donald Trump, J.D. Vance, Tucker Carlson, Steve Bannon, Matt Gaetz, MAGA movement, National Conservatism conferences, American Compass, Sohrab Ahmari, Patrick Deneen, Yoram Hazony, Viktor Orbán (Hungary), Marine Le Pen (France), America First, populist right

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## 12. Postliberal Front

**Description:** Integralists. Anti-globalist, very pro-life, closed borders, corporatist economics, rejects liberal framework.

**Reference Ideology:** X

### Ideal Spectrum

- **Trade:** (6 - Maximum protectionist)
- **Abortion:** (6 - Maximum pro-life)
- **Migration:** (6 - Closed borders)
- **Economics:** (5 - Heavy intervention)
- **Rights:** (6 - Maximum traditional)

**Key Dimensions:** Rights, Abortion, Migration

**Full Spectrum:**

**Key Dimension Colors:**

**Examples:** Adrian Vermeule, Catholic integralism (USA/international), The Josias journal, Sohrab Ahmari (USA, hard-right wing), Patrick Deneen (Why Liberalism Failed), radical traditionalists, those seeking confessional state, rejecting Enlightenment liberalism entirely

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## 13. Fascists

**Description:** Ultranationalist authoritarianism. Corporatist economics, extreme social control, racial/national purity.

**Reference Ideology:** ✓ (Used as reference point - theoretical extreme only)

### Ideal Spectrum

- **Trade:** (6 - Maximum protectionist)
- **Abortion:** (5 - Pro-life)
- **Migration:** (6 - Closed borders)
- **Economics:** (4 - Significant state control)
- **Rights:** (6 - Totalitarian)

**Key Dimensions:** Migration, Rights, Economics

**Full Spectrum:**

**Key Dimension Colors:**

**Examples:** Historical fascism (Mussolini's Italy, Nazi Germany), contemporary ultranationalism, Golden Dawn (Greece, disbanded), authoritarian nationalism,

extreme far-right movements (reference ideology only - represents theoretical extreme, not advocating)

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## Key Patterns Across the Spectrum

### Economic Dimension (Left to Right)

- **Maximum State Control (6):** Communists, Revolutionary Socialists
- **Heavy Intervention (4-5):** Social Democrats, Nordic Model, Postscarcity, Postliberal Front
- **Moderate (2-3):** Builder Bloc, Localist League
- **Light Touch (1):** Abundance Alliance, Liberty Caucus
- **Maximum Free Market (0):** Libertarian Lobby

### Social Rights Dimension (Progressive to Traditional)

- **Maximum Progressive (0):** Social Democrats, Postscarcity, Libertarian Lobby
- **Progressive (1-2):** Nordic Model, Builder Bloc, Abundance Alliance, Revolutionary Socialists
- **Traditional (4-5):** Liberty Caucus, Localist League, NatCon Corps, Communists
- **Maximum Traditional (6):** Postliberal Front, Fascists

### Trade Dimension (Open to Closed)

- **Maximum Free Trade (0):** Abundance Alliance, Libertarian Lobby, Liberty Caucus
- **Free Trade (1-2):** Postscarcity, Nordic Model, Builder Bloc
- **Protectionist (5):** Social Democrats, Revolutionary Socialists, Localist League
- **Maximum Protectionist (6):** Communists, NatCon Corps, Postliberal Front, Fascists

### Migration Dimension (Open to Closed)

- **Maximum Open (0):** Postscarcity, Abundance Alliance, Libertarian Lobby
- **Open (1):** Communists, Revolutionary Socialists, Builder Bloc
- **Moderate (2-3):** Social Democrats, Nordic Model, Liberty Caucus
- **Restrictive (5):** Localist League
- **Maximum Closed (6):** NatCon Corps, Postliberal Front, Fascists

### Abortion Dimension (Pro-Choice to Pro-Life)

- **Strongly Pro-Choice (0):** Revolutionary Socialists, Social Democrats, Postscarcity, Nordic Model
  - **Pro-Choice (1-2):** Communists, Builder Bloc, Libertarian Lobby, Abundance Alliance
  - **Pro-Life (4-5):** Liberty Caucus, Localist League, NatCon Corps, Fascists
  - **Maximum Pro-Life (6):** Postliberal Front
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## Discussion Questions

1. **Bloc Coherence:** Do the key dimensions for each bloc accurately capture their core ideological commitments?
2. **Real-World Representation:** Are the example figures/movements appropriately categorized? Any notable omissions?
3. **Spectrum Positioning:** Do the numerical scores (0-6) accurately reflect the relative positions of different blocs on each dimension?
4. **Missing Blocs:** Are there significant political movements/ideologies not represented in this 13-bloc system?
5. **Reference Ideologies:** Six blocs are marked as "reference ideologies" (Communists, Revolutionary Socialists, Nordic Model, Libertarian Lobby, Localist League, Fascists). Do these serve as effective anchor points for the spectrum?
6. **Playability:** All blocs are marked as "not playable" - what criteria should

determine which blocs become playable in the game context?

7. **Key Dimensions Priority:** Each bloc has 3 “key dimensions” that define them. Are these the right prioritizations?
  8. **Modern Political Shifts:** How might recent political developments (2020-2025) require adjustments to these classifications?
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## Technical Notes

- All blocs are currently marked as **not playable**
  - **6 Reference Ideologies** serve as theoretical anchor points for the spectrum
  - Color coding uses a 7-color ramp from purple (most liberal) to dark slate (most extreme/authoritarian)
  - Each bloc has exactly **3 key dimensions** that most strongly define their identity
  - Scores range from **0 (most liberal/open/progressive)** to **6 (most conservative/closed/traditional)**
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