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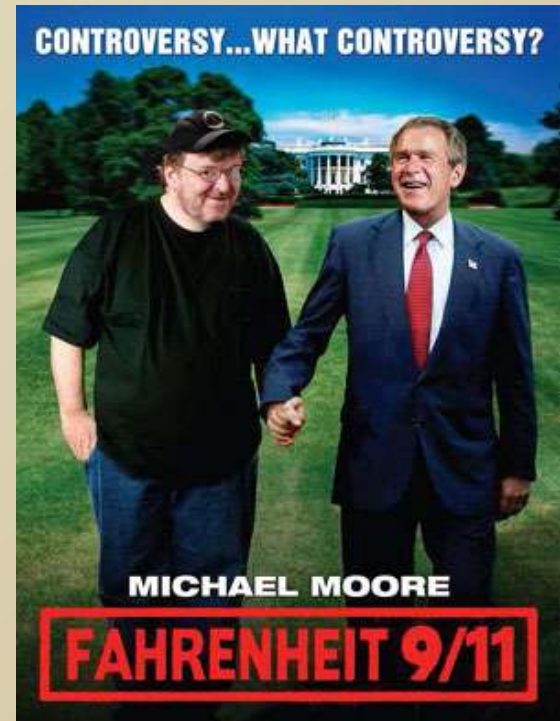
- **What is political ideology?**
 - One's basic beliefs about power, political values, and the role of government
 - Grows out of economic, educational, and social conditions and experiences

- **4 Main Ideologies in America Today**
 - Liberalism
 - Conservatism
 - Socialism
 - Libertarianism

Moderate (Middle of the Road)

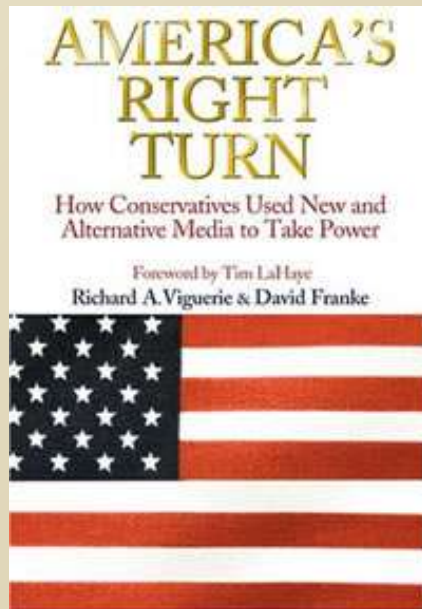
Political Ideology: Liberalism

- **What is a Liberal? (The Left)**
 - Supports active federal government in promoting individual welfare and supporting civil rights, and accepts peaceful political social change within the existing political system

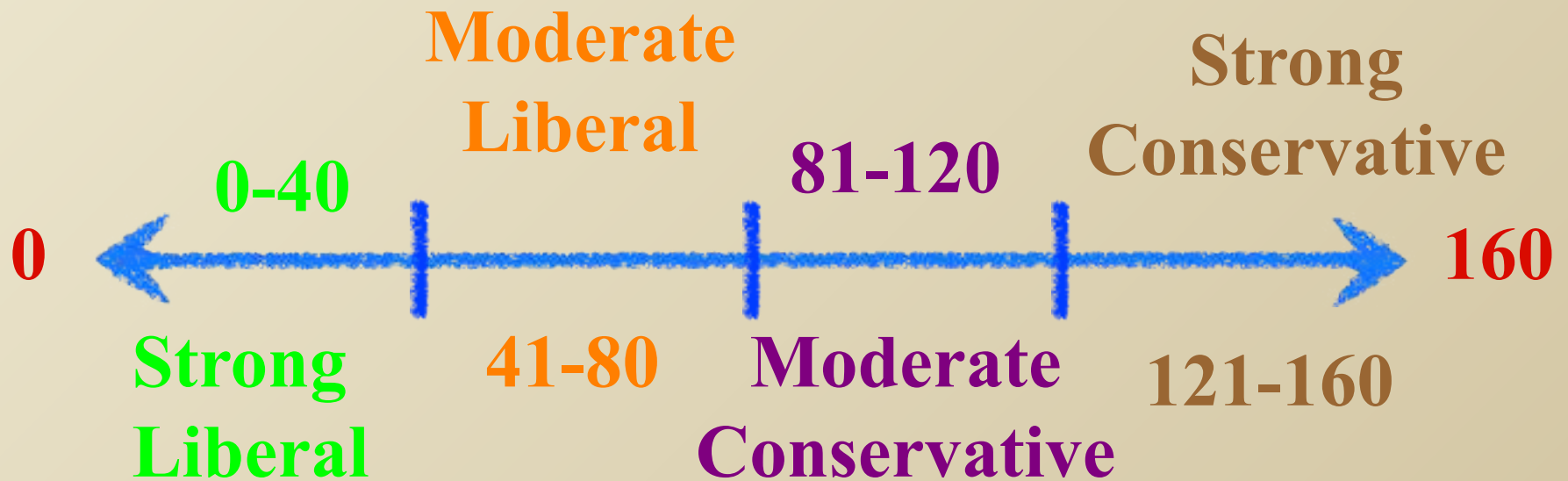


Political Ideology: Conservatism

- **What is a Conservative? (The Right)**
 - Promotes a limited government role in helping individuals economically, supports traditional values and lifestyles, favors a more active role for government in promoting national security, and approaches change cautiously



Where do you fall?



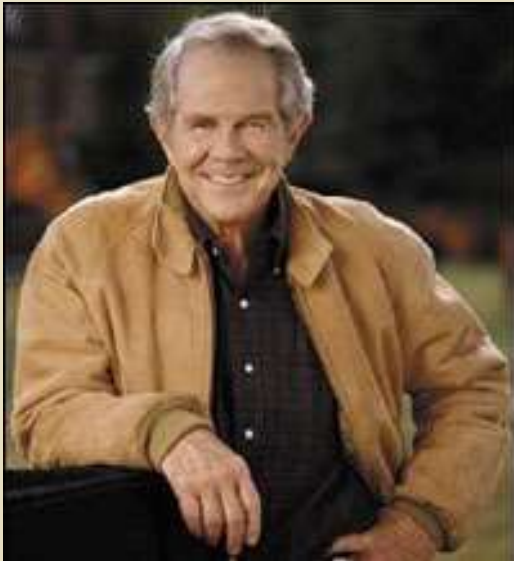
Political Ideology: Conservatism

- **The New Right (Radical Conservatives)**
 - Emerged in 1980's
 - Favors prayer in schools (Christian)
 - Opposes abortion, pornography, affirmative action, homosexuality
 - Believe government should help perform duties of family and church (impose social controls)
 - Most famous group is **Christian Coalition** (led by Pat Robertson)



Political Ideology: Conservatism

- **The New Right (Radical Conservatives) cont.**



Pat Robertson

"The Constitution of the United States, for instance, is a marvelous document for self-government by the Christian people. But the minute you turn the document into the hands of non-Christian people and atheistic people they can use it to destroy the very foundation of our society. And that's what's been happening." – Pat Robertson, The 700 Club, Dec. 30, 1981

"The feminist agenda is not about equal rights for women. It is about a socialist, anti-family political movement that encourages women to leave their husbands, kill their children, practice witchcraft, destroy capitalism, and become lesbians." -- Pat Robertson, fundraising letter, 1992

Alt-Right

self identify

[Trump Alt-Left](#)

“loose group united in their belief that white men have become disenfranchised”

-Kurtis Lee L.A. Times

-see LA Times article 8-17-17 What is the so called alt-left Trump refers to?

Breitbart News is a “platform for the alt-right”-Steve Bannon

former senior advisor to President Donald Trump



Believe “racial groups are not created equal”-Thomas Main professor at Baruch College

“A fresh label for “Nazi, Neo-Nazi, white supremacist, or white nationalist”-Timothy Snyder a Yale professor

Alt Left?

News pundits and our president coined or use the term-No group identity

- Civil rights groups do not recognize the term= “it is a false equivalency”
- Thomas Main Professor at Baruch College says there is no equivalent on left to the “alt-right”
- Timothy Snyder of Yale “there is no group that labels itself that way”
- Sean Hannity of Fox News “Do you consider Occupy, Move on, BLM radical left? I call them “alt radical left”
- Neera Tanden president of the Center for American Progress (Hillary supporter) “ I remember last summer when I pointed out Russia’s role in leaking/the elections and the alt-left attacked me for McCarthyism”

Political Ideology: Liberals vs. Conservatives

Representative Party

Liberal

- Democratic Party



Conservative

- Republican Party

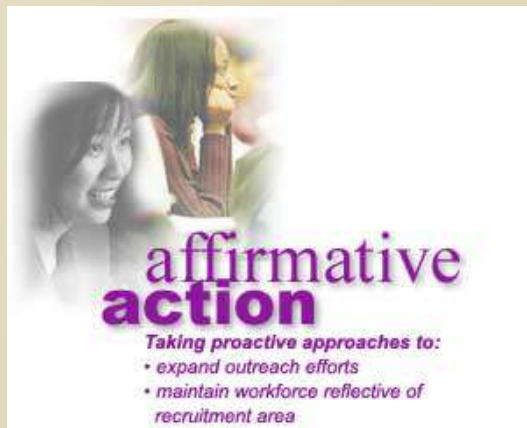


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Business

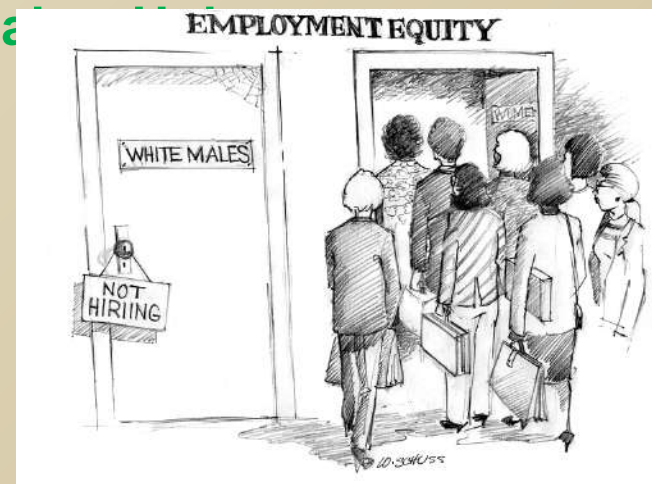
Liberal

- Some government regulation of business needed
- Agrees with the following:
 - Affirmative Action
 - Labor Unions



Conservative

- Little government regulation
- Pro Business
- Does not agree with the following:
 - Affirmative Action
 - Labor Unions



Political Ideology: Liberals vs. Conservatives:

Taxes and Social Spending

Liberals

- Increase
- Used to support social programs in the states like
 - Welfare
 - Medicaid and Medicare
 - Homeless shelters
 - Free clinics
 - Shelters for battered women
 - Soup kitchens

Conservatives

- Decrease
- Social programs in the states should be supported through charities state taxes
- **“Trickle Down**
Top Paid and Lowest paid, CEO's
Economics

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Abortion

Liberals

- Pro – Choice (For)



Conservative

- Pro – Life (Against)



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Defense Spending

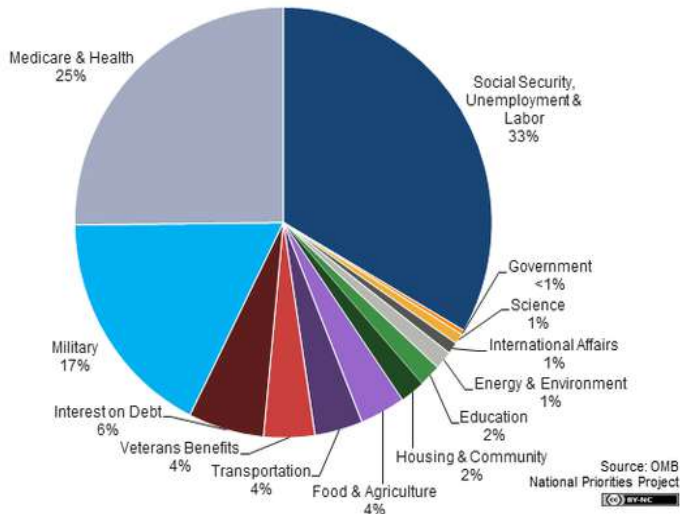
Liberals

- Decrease
- Use more for social spending

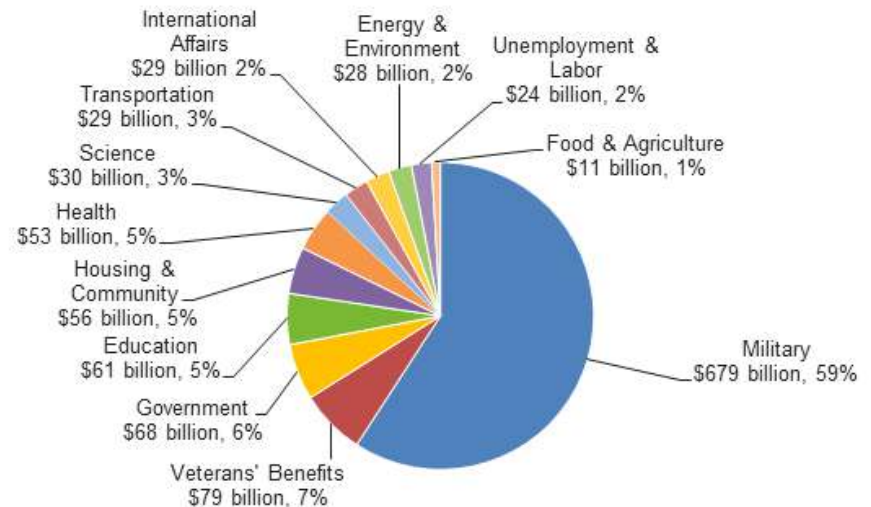
Conservative

- Increase or maintain

**President's Proposed Total Spending
(Fiscal Year 2014)**



**Trump FY 2018 Discretionary Budget Request,
\$1.15 Trillion**



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Death Penalty

Liberals

- Against it (Anti)
- Would like to see it banned by the national government

Conservatives

- For it (Pro)
- “Eye for an eye”

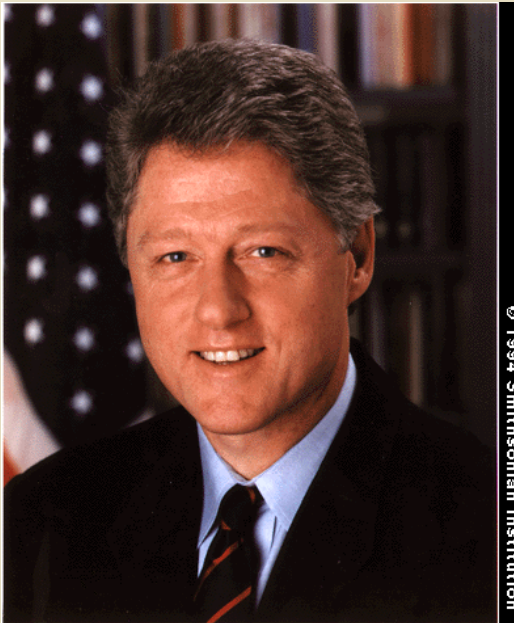


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Government Size

Liberals

- Big national government
- More government involvement



Bill Clinton

Conservatives

- Small national government
- Less government involvement



Ronald Reagan

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Foreign Relations

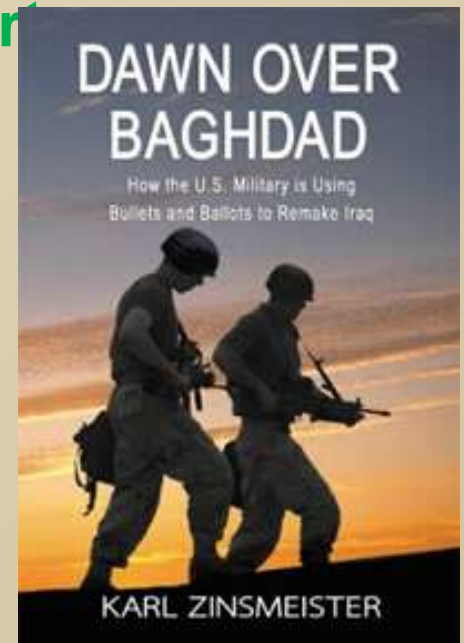
Liberals

- Negotiate first
- If U.S. in imminent danger, take action with allied support after all alternatives have been rejected



Conservative

- Negotiate first
- If U.S. is in imminent danger, take pre-emptive action, even if allies do not support

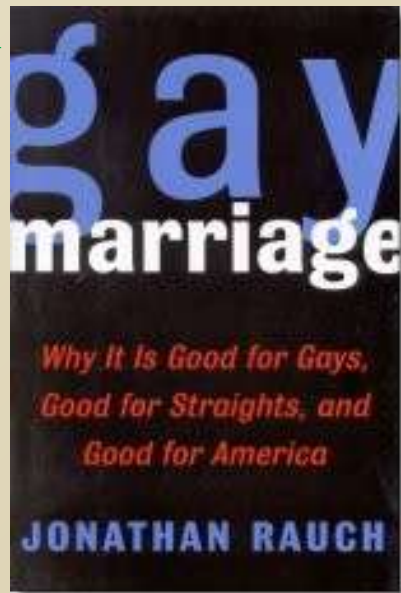


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Same Sex Marriage

Liberals

- Believe it should be legal
- Not a moral issue, but an equality issue and it is protected by the Constitution



Conservatives

- Believe it should not be legal
- Support a Constitutional Amendment to define marriage
- Is a moral issue tied to religion



Political Ideology: Liberals vs. Conservatives

Attitude Towards Criminals

Liberals

- Want rights of accused protected first and foremost
- Interested in finding out “why” person committed crime



Conservatives

- Want rights of victims protected first and foremost
- Not concerned with “why” person committed

An advertisement for the Team Moody Taskforce Against Violence. It features a close-up, black and white photograph of a young girl's face, looking slightly to the right. The text is overlaid on the image. At the top, it says "Crime victims have the right to" followed by a list of services: guidance, education, safety, support, advocates, options, referrals, information, and protection. At the bottom, it says "TEAM MOODY TASKFORCE AGAINST VIOLENCE" and "Victim Witness Assistance - 229.257-3414".

Crime victims have the right to

- guidance
- education
- safety
- support
- advocates
- options
- referrals
- information
- protection

TEAM MOODY TASKFORCE AGAINST VIOLENCE
Victim Witness Assistance - **229.257-3414**

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Doctor Assisted Suicide/Euthanasia

Liberals

- Believe it should be legal and protected by the courts
- Individual rights issue

Conservatives

- Believe it should be illegal and not protected by the courts
- Suicide not an individual right protected



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Minimum Wage

Liberals

- For it – would like to see it increased
- Believe national government should set it to protect workers



Conservatives

- Against it – would like to see it end
- Believe it is too much regulation on business



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Social Security

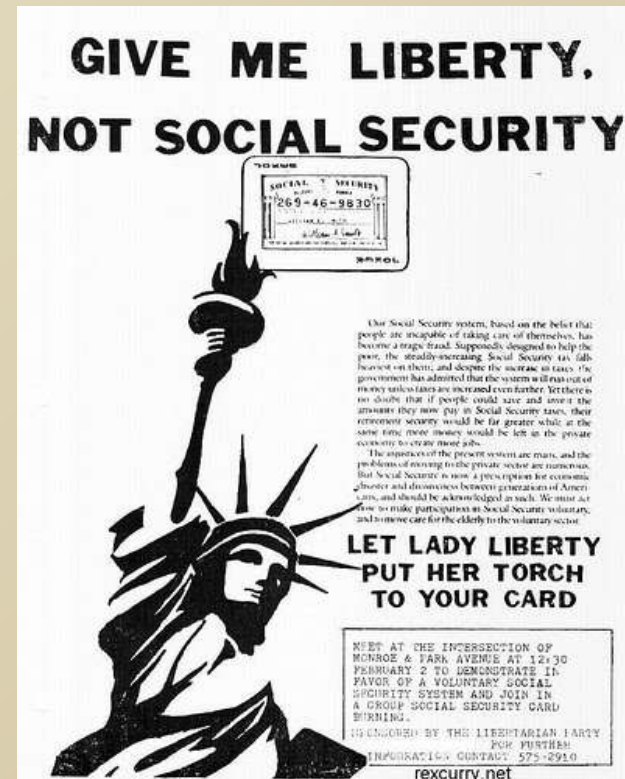
Liberals

- Believe it should be left in the hands of the federal government



Conservatives

- Believe it should be privatized



Political Ideology: Liberals vs. Conservatives

Health Care

Liberals

- Should be 100% provided by the national government



Conservatives

- Should continue to be de-regulated and left in the hands of independent, competing



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Personal Responsibility

Liberals

- Believe government sometimes needs to protect us from ourselves



Conservatives

- Believe people are responsible for their own misfortune
- Should not rely on government for



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Malpractice Lawsuits

Liberals

- Lawsuits should be pursued and punitive damages awarded to victims should not be limited



Conservatives

- Should be a cap on punitive damages awarded to victims



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Religion

Liberals

- Want to keep clear and strict separation of church and state
- No religion in government policy



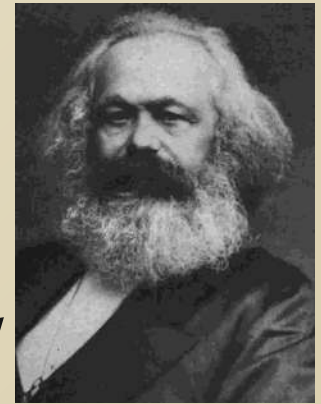
Conservatives

- Would like to implement more religion into government policy
- Views largely based on religion



Political Ideology:

Socialism



Wealth Distribution of US

- **What is Socialism?**

- *“It is the transitional stage between capitalism and communism.”* – Karl Marx (Father of Socialism)
- American socialists favor an expanded role of govt. and share the following views:
 - Public ownership of key industries
 - Vast public job programs – all who want to work will be put to work (“Build jobs, not jails”)
 - High taxes for wealthy
 - Cut in defense spending – Comparative Defense Spending in 2008
 - Social and economic equality is goal
 - Against capitalist “free market economy”
 - Healthcare and childcare provided for all
 - Free post secondary education (college)

Political Ideology:

Libertarianism

- **What is Libertarianism?**

- Ideology that cherishes individual liberty above all else, and favors a sharply limited state and federal government
- Has overtones of anarchism, liberalism, and conservatism
- Views include the following:
 - Massive cuts in federal spending; reduce and eliminate taxes
 - End to FBI/CIA (any federal government policing)
 - Small defense (use only if attacked, no offensives)
 - Complete withdrawal of all overseas U.S. military
 - Elimination of all government programs (like welfare, social security, Medicare)
 - Repeal laws regulating morality (abortion, porn, prostitution, recreational drugs)
 - No government regulation (even seat belt or motorcycle helmet laws)

Political Ideology: Demographics

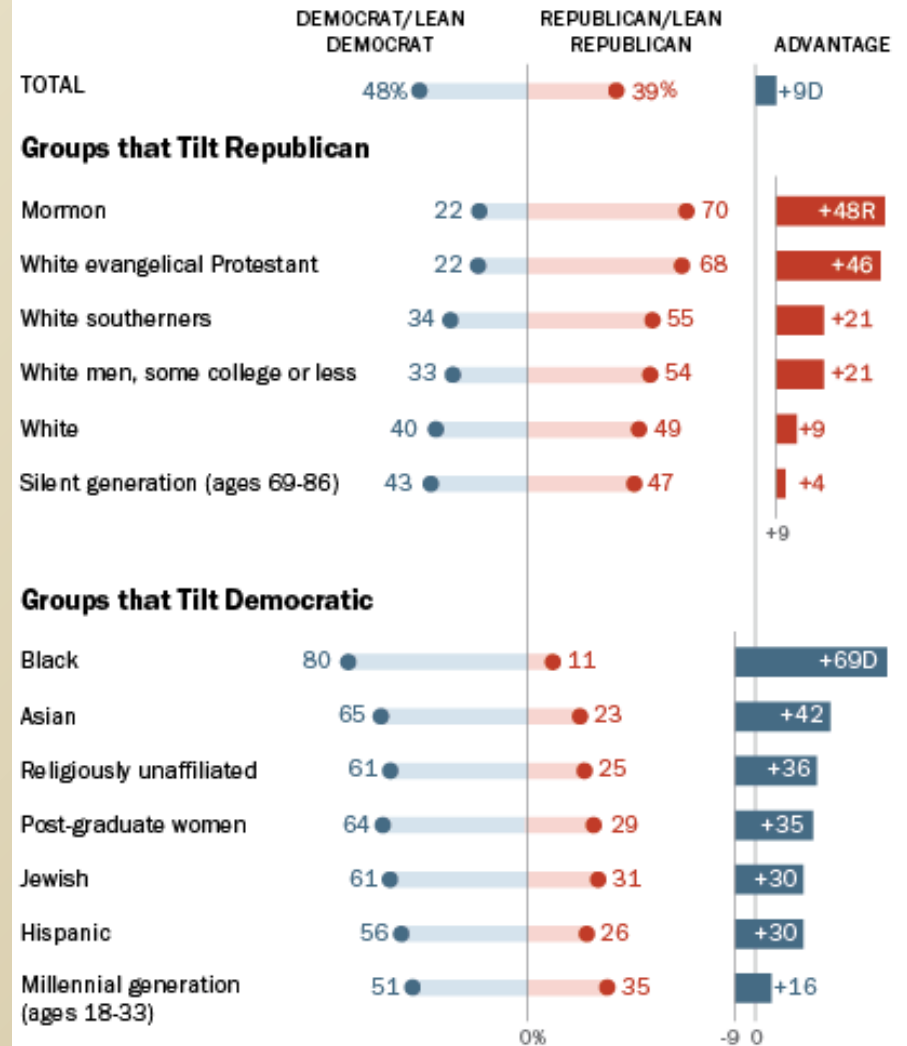
Describe who votes Republican & who votes Democrat according to research. Make a list for each.

Discuss in partners why the groups might vote the way they do.

Construct a paragraph argument for each ideology individually

Strong Groups for the Democratic and Republican Parties

% of each group that identifies as ...



Note: Whites and blacks include only those who are not Hispanic; Hispanics are of any race. Asians are non-Hispanic and English-speaking only.

Source: All Pew Research Center political surveys from 2014. Based on the general public.

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Self Assessment

- Go back through your liberal- conservative notes
- **Highlight** which argument you most agree with for each slide (topic)
- **Count up** how many liberal and how many conservative highlights respectively with a score for each
- **Is your score consistent with your initial score on the survey? Why or Why Not?**