

# AP GOV / SOCIALIZATION & IDEOLOGY ASSIGNMENT / CHPT 1

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DIRECTIONS: Complete these parts in order. Type all parts and attach needed documents.

### **PART I – Political socialization defined** (25 points)

- A. Define what it means to be a liberal, conservative, libertarian or communitarian/socialist.
- B. Explain where you believe you fall on the political spectrum.
- C. What agents of socialization (i.e., media, family, peers, school, and politicians) have been most powerful in defining your political ideology? Explain.

### **PART II– Political spectrum** (25 points)

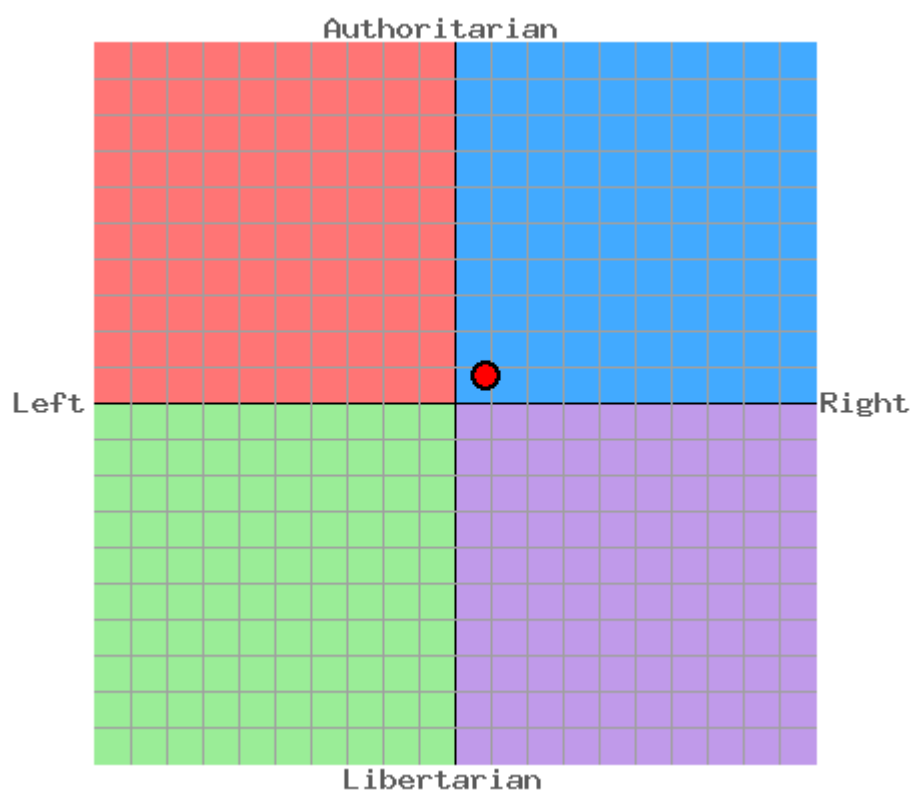
- A. Go to [www.politicalcompass.org](http://www.politicalcompass.org).
- B. Click on the Take the Test link on the top right. Complete the six pages of questions (about 50 questions).
- C. After you are finished, click the link that allows you to print your results, which should look like the image on the back of this page.
- D. Attach a copy of the political spectrum results.
- E. Write a 1-page summary of the results. Were the results the same as you believed in Part 1?

### **PART III – Political issue** (25 points)

- A. Go to [www.realclearpolitics.com](http://www.realclearpolitics.com).
- B. Read any COLUMN or POLITICAL COMMENTARY on a national political issue that is most important to you. The article must have been published after August 1st, 2012.
- C. Summarize the author's position.
- D. Provide your opinion of this political issue. Do you agree with the author?. Make sure you include cited facts to back up your opinion. Where do you believe this opinion would fall on the political spectrum?
- E. Attach a copy of the article.

### **PART IV – Political polling** (25 points)

- A. Go to [www.pollingreport.com](http://www.pollingreport.com). Find the latest public opinion poll that relates to the political issue you picked in Part III above and summarize the poll with the following information.
- Who conducted the poll? What were the dates of the poll? What the sampling size? How was the poll conducted (telephone, in person, on line)? What was the margin of error for the poll? What is the web site for the poll? (so I can review it)



THESE GRAPHS RELATE TO PARTS 1 AND 2 OF THE ASSIGNMENT