

Daily Thought:
When in doubt be kind.
Kindness always wins.

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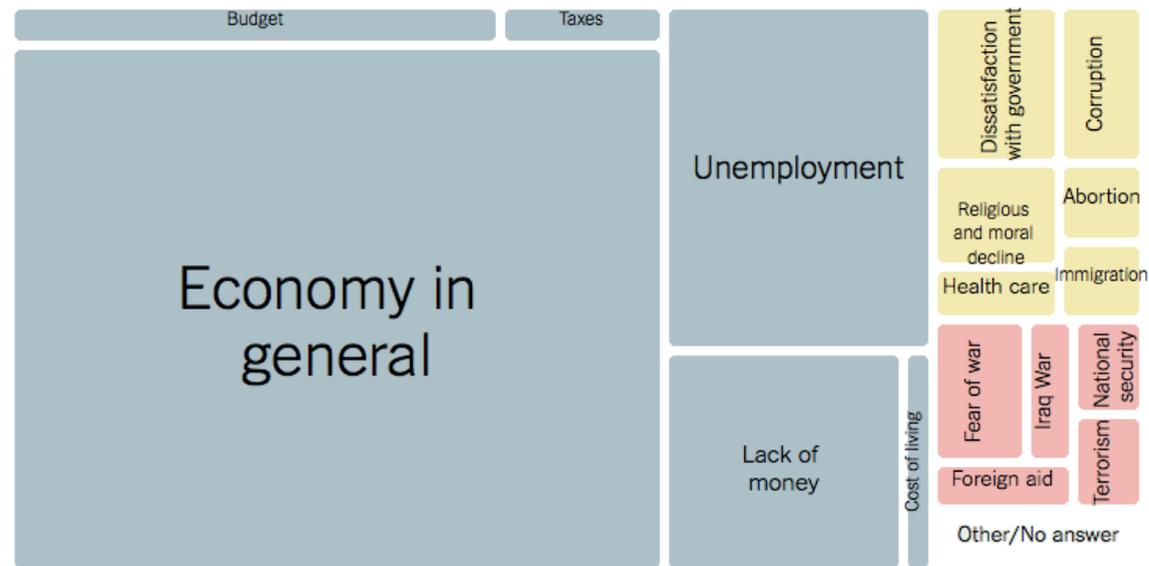


Partner up and be prepared to discuss

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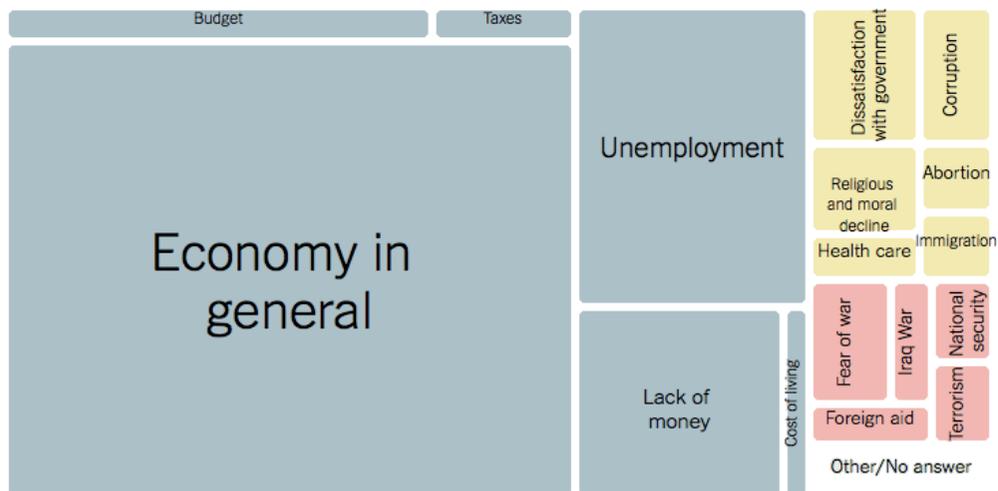
February 2009



NY Times, February 27th, 2009

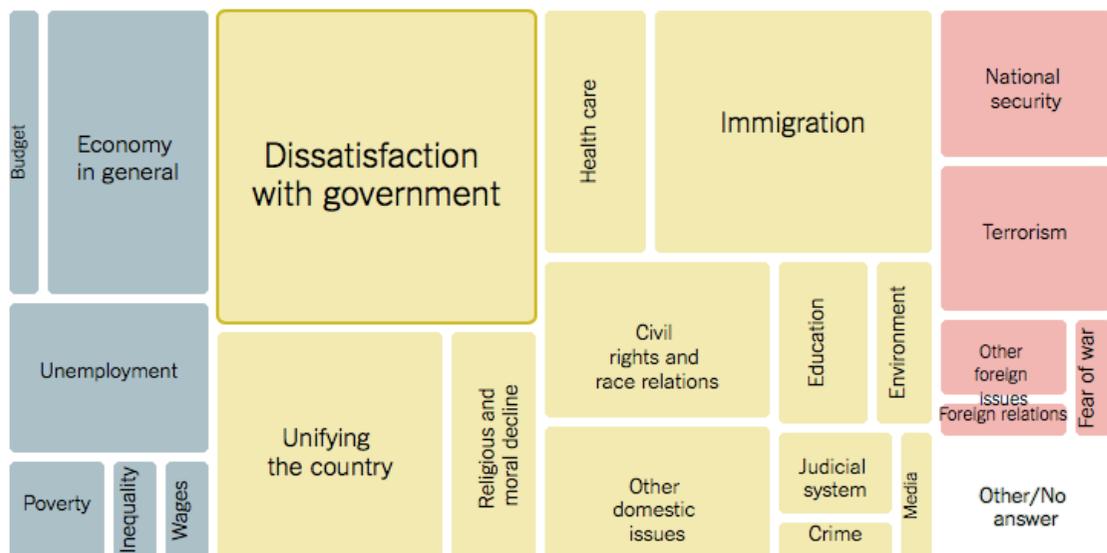
1. List the top three problems cited by Americans in polls.
2. Discuss why Americans think that these are the biggest problems.
3. Are these big problems to you?

February 2009



February 2017

The biggest problems cited by Americans this month:



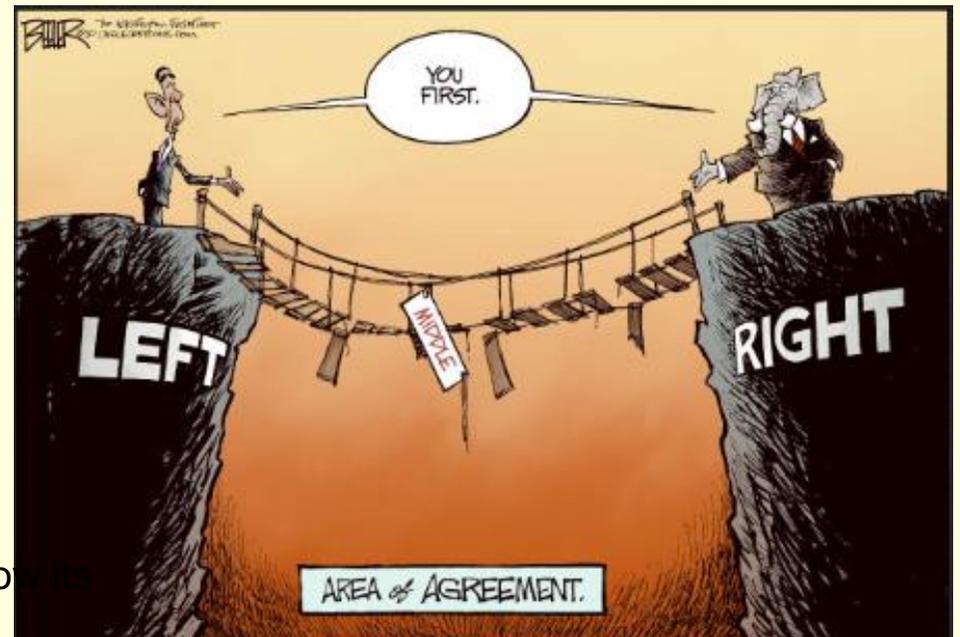
1. Contrast February 2017 poll to 2009 poll?
2. What kind of shifts do you see? Why?
3. How would a conservative view this poll? A liberal?

NY Times, February 27th, 2017

Political Ideology

Learning Targets

- 1) Analyze the changing characteristics of the American Public.
- 2) Identify and evaluate your political ideology understand how shaped in American politics.



What is Ideology?

Ideology is a comprehensive and logical ordered set of beliefs about the nature of people and about the institutions and role of government.

Terms You Should Know

1) Political Culture: Commonly shared attitudes, beliefs, and core values about how government should operate.

- Liberty V. Security

2) Political Socialization/Ideology: The life long process of developing ones political ideology and beliefs.

Family, School, Friends, Education Level, Jobs,
Children, Opinion Leaders, Mass Media, etc

3) Political Opinion: A snapshot of ones political ideology based on current events at that moment

- Measured by polling/Huge for

Politicians

Social/Political Spectrum

Social and political liberals favor *limited* government regulation of individual behavior

Social and political conservatives favor *broad* government regulation of individual behavior

Social/Political Spectrum

Liberals

Favor protection of offensive language
Oppose censorship of film, music
Pro-choice on abortion
Oppose government sponsored religious activity

Favor protection of homosexual rights
Favor affirmative action programs

Conservatives

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Economic Spectrum

Economic liberals favor *broad* government involvement in economic policymaking and regulation of business.

Economic conservatives favor *limited* government involvement in economic policymaking and regulation of business

Economic Spectrum

Liberals

Favor higher taxes, particularly progressive (based on income level)
Programs assisting the poor such as Medicaid and Head Start.
Redistribution of income (welfare; social security)
Anti-Trust legislation

Sympathize with labor in Labor-Management Issues

Conservatives

Favor lower taxes, particularly regressive (flat tax, sales taxes)
Fewer Programs with the goal of redistributing income

Oppose government regulation of market choices

Sympathize with business in Labor-Management Issues

Views on the Constitution

Liberals

Favor loose construction - a broad interpretation

Constitutional interpretation may change as modern society evolves
What are our standards today?

Conservatives

Favor strict construction - a narrow interpretation

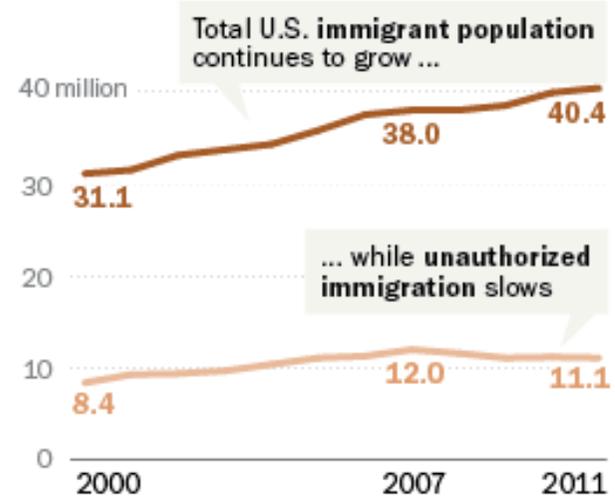
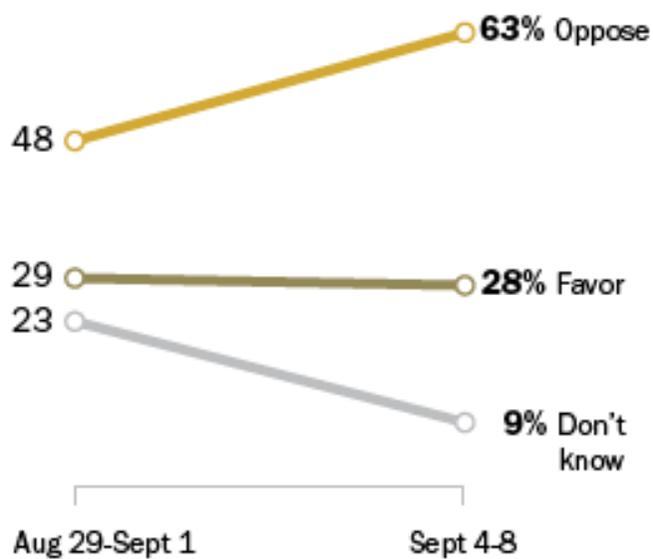
Constitutional interpretation should remain constant through the years

What did the founders mean?

How do we measure Ideology?

1) Polling (Survey): A snapshot in time of public opinion.

Growing opposition to Syrian airstrikes



* Immigrant population and unauthorized immigrant population estimates based on separate data sets. See methodology for more details.

So, Where Do You Fit?

if you are like many Americans - you may tend to be more conservative on some issues and more liberal on others!

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The limitation of one spectrum is that this circumstance will generally place you in the middle, which is not necessarily an accurate reflection of your ideology.

So, Where Do You Fit?

People on every point on the spectrum generally want what is best for the country -- they just differ on how to achieve it!

Where Do You Stand on the Spectrum? Ideology Survey

- 1) Instructor hands out Political Ideology survey
- 2) Read the Instructions and finish survey
- 3) Total up points from all the questions
- 4) Discuss totals and place on Political Spectrum
- 5) Who are you? What does it mean?



Kids Voting School Survey

Scoring the Survey:

Scoring is done as the following scale: +4, +2, 0, -2, -4

For the following questions, SA = +4, A = +2, N = 0, D = -2, SD = -4

3, 6, 7, 8, 9 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 24, 28, 29, 35, 37, 38, 39

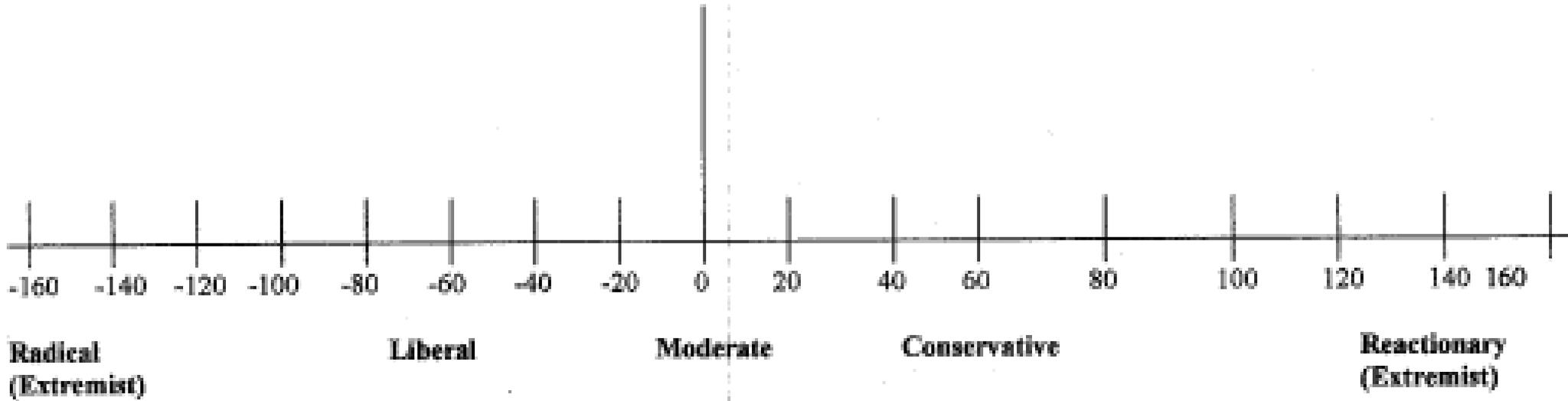
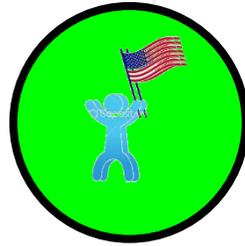
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1, 2, 4, 5, 12, 13, 16, 19, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, 40

Political Spectrum

Ideology Unit

Period: _____



A PERSON MOVES ALONG THE SPECTRUM BASED ON THEIR IDEOLOGICAL BELIEFS

Ideological Spectrum Activity and Discussion

- 1) Instructor will present an political issue
- 2) Students will move to the spot in the room where you think which ideology would support this position.
- 3) Classroom discussion as to why you believe this is the correct choice and why.
- 4) Following discussion students will move to the position as to how they feel in regards to the issue. As a class we will discuss those positions

YOU MAKE THE CALL

There needs to be stricter laws and regulations to protect the environment.



YOU MAKE THE CALL

The growing number of newcomers from other countries threaten traditional American customs and values.



YOU MAKE THE CALL

Business corporations make too much profit.



YOU MAKE THE CALL

Gays and lesbians should be allowed to marry legally



YOU MAKE THE CALL

The government needs to do more to make health care affordable and accessible.



Exit Ticket

Find two new partners

1. Go to [allsides.com](https://www.allsides.com)

- a. Select an issue
- b. Divide into Conservative/Liberal/Moderate
- c. Read article and discuss comparisons/contrasts

OR

2. Work on Additional practice handed out by instructor

