

## Political Ideology Essay

Your task is to clearly describe your political ideology in a well-written, well thought out, mistake free essay. You are writing this essay as if your beliefs are "right" and everyone else is "wrong."

Are you a liberal? Are you a moderate? Are you a conservative? A blend of some kind?

Here are the requirements. You should have at least one well-written paragraph for each of the following:

1. Introduction (starter/hook, thesis statement, position on political spectrum)
2. Part One – The Role of Government and Markets
3. Part Two – Taxes and Government Spending
4. Part Three – Social Issues (Abortion and Gay Marriage)
  - a. For this part, just focus on abortion and/or gay marriage
5. Another Issue from Part Three (other than abortion and gay marriage)
  - a. Immigration, Gun Control, Death Penalty, Global Warming, Labor Unions, Medical Marijuana, Pregnant Women in Prison
6. Another Issue from Part Three (other than abortion and gay marriage)
  - a. Use the same list from number 5
  - b. This means you will write on three social issues (one for sure being abortion and/or gay marriage) that we discussed in Part Three
7. Part Four – Foreign Policy and the Military
8. Conclusion (restate thesis, summarize, etc)

\* For your Part One – Part Four (numbers 2-7 above) writing, it is CRITICAL that you provide examples to explain or support your statements. This will make your essay more convincing.

Other details:

- Must be typed – 12 point font, double spaced, standard margins, standard font, etc
- Perfect spelling, perfect grammar, perfect punctuation
- T3C for every paragraph (topic sentence, 3 supporting points, conclusion)
- The only place you can use first person is in the intro and conclusion. In all other paragraphs, avoid "I" statements. Don't write anything like "I feel" or "I think" or "in my opinion."
- Don't tell me what you think or feel. Convince me that your views on the issues are the correct views.

Other suggestions/thoughts:

- Read your paper out loud to yourself before handing it in
- Have someone else read your paper before handing it in
- View this as a writing test; there are no re-writes (your final copy should be your re-write)
- Spend less time explaining what a liberal or conservative believes about the issues and more time explaining what the "correct" view is and why
- Avoid asking the reader their opinion; this is about your views
- Instead of "Social issues are a debatable topic among conservative and liberals." Try "When it comes to social issues, liberals seem to have better arguments."