

Part One Issues

Think about how a liberal and a conservative would respond to these issues. You may need to look at your Part One handout and matrix.

Minimum Wage:

1. What is the problem that minimum wage is tackling?
2. Who are the “losers” this policy is trying to help?
3. Can you think of any unintended negative consequences of a minimum wage?
4. What would be the ultimate conservative position on minimum wage?
5. What would be the ultimate liberal position on minimum wage?

Fuel Efficiency Standards:

1. What problem is the government tackling with laws requiring more fuel efficiency?

2. If we don't have the government require higher fuel efficiency standards, how might better fuel efficiency standards come about without the gov't passing laws?

3. What might be undesirable about the approach in question number 2?

4. Any unintended negative consequences of the gov't requiring higher fuel efficiency in cars?

Gas Prices:

1. What would a liberal say is the answer to high gas prices?

2. What would a conservative say in the answer to high gas prices?

3. What would a liberal say is the problem with the conservative approach?

4. What would a conservative say in the problem with the liberal approach?