

Political Socialization & Ideology

Define Political Socialization:



Analyze each of the following people and explain how each demographic factor would influence their political ideology (which demographic factors would make them likely to be liberal and which would be more likely to make them conservative).

1. A Japanese-American small business owner living in the Midwest.
2. A Cuban American fundamentalist protestant living in Miami, Florida.
3. A political activist.
4. A Catholic Latino male who owns his own business in New England.
5. A middle aged Korean female working on the assembly line of an automobile factory.

Now list your own demographic characteristics and how they would generally affect your ideology.



Ideology

Define Political Ideology:



Label the following beliefs as Liberal (L) or Conservative (C). Explain

1. The wealthiest Americans should pay higher taxes to fund programs for the poor.
2. More likely to have a loose interpretation of the Constitution.
3. Believe marriage is between a man and a woman only.
4. Opposed to new regulations for trading on Wall Street.
5. Support lowering taxes.
6. Believe in democracy, liberty, and equality (of opportunity).
7. Support more regulation of film, music, and television.
8. Pro-choice view of abortion.

