

# THE CONSTITUTIONAL DIVIDE

<b>L</b> America's "LEFT" Collectivist Values	America's "CENTRIST" Moderate Values <b>R</b>
Often associated with Democrats, neither party fits traditional left-right political outlines any longer. LEFTISTS have drifted toward statism, abandoning individual rights in favor of "collective" rights of government, or of no person in particular.	Sometimes associated with Republicans, who are now almost as statist as Democrats. Often but <i>inaccurately</i> called <u>the right</u> , CENTRISTS hold core values America was founded upon. A true right-wing faction (fascism) is pretty scarce at present.
<i>The purpose of government is:</i> To do for people all the things they cannot do for themselves.	<i>The purpose of government is:</i> To protect life, liberty, property and do what's in Art. I Sec. 8.
<b>Also known as:</b> liberal, progressive, left, statist, socialist, communist, marxist	<b>Also known as:</b> conservative, originalist, right, constitutionalist, classical liberal, centrist
Favors abundant or total government control	Favors delegated limited government control
Big government, centralized power	Small government, federalism
Supremacy of the state	Supremacy of the individual
Government is the master	Government is the servant
Coercive social policy	Self ownership
Control people for the common good	Individual rights are inviolate
Living or interpreted Constitution	Rule of law and original intent
Action as needed to help people	Enumerated delegated powers only
Give people everything they want	Do only those tasks specifically assigned
Direct elections, a democracy	Electoral college, a republic
Raise taxes	Lower taxes
Ask tax <i>recipients</i> to support tax increases	Ask tax <i>payers</i> to reject tax increases
Redistribution of wealth	Ownership of fruits of labor
Wage and price manipulation, Keynes	Free markets, von Mises
Union organizing	Right to work
Control offensive speech	Free speech
Political correctness, Saul Alinsky	Freedom of thought, Ayn Rand
Gun control and confiscation	Gun rights and marksmanship
Multiculturalism	<i>E Pluribus Unum</i>
Diversity, quotas, affirmative action	Laissez faire and meritocracy
Welfare and nanny state	Self reliance and private charity
Government jobs and socialism	Free enterprise and capitalism
Eminent domain	Private property
Following and conformity	Leadership and exceptionalism
Illegal immigration	Managed immigration
Federal education standards	Home rule
Socialized government-run health care	Private practice of medicine
One world government and the U.N.	National sovereignty and unilateral policy
Evolution and Darwinism	Divine intervention and Creationism
Abortion	Sanctity of life
Moral relativity and secularism	Morality and religion
Eating meat is murder	Man is master of the animals
Runs on emotion, overbearing	Relies on thought, load bearing
You can do whatever we allow	Just leave us alone and we'll be just fine

**Choose wisely: Survival of The American Way depends on preserving these traditional centrist values.**

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