

Practice With Ideologies

For each point raised in the sections below, write a few sentences explaining how you feel about each point from the ideological perspective given.

How would a Conservative react to the following?

1. Canada changing its laws to make same-sex marriages legal.
2. The half-time show at the US Superbowl game, where Justin Timberlake tore open Janet Jackson's top to reveal her breast.
3. Changing the school year into trimesters, with a 1 month break at Christmas and a 1 month break in the late Spring.
4. Giving students a greater choice in their education. Students, not parents, should pick their schools and the subjects that they choose. After age 15 students should not be harassed about their attendance.

How would a Classical Liberal react to the following?

1. Changing the laws on non-prescription drugs. Making drug use and production a matter of personal choice and not one for which the state penalizes them.
2. Removing censorship of television programming to allow any kinds of shows at any time of day on regular stations available to all.
3. Granting a monopoly to one company to provide all Internet services in Canada.
4. Opening up immigration to Canada to anyone who wants to move here.

How would a Socialist react to the following?

1. Introducing user fees in the health care system to discourage people from abusing the system for trivial things like colds and sniffles.
2. Creating more competition in the education system, with schools organized on the basis of top academic, regular academic, occupational and remedial streams. Each school would teach only one stream.
3. Allowing fish farms to operate without regulation in BC waters to create more employment in the province.
4. Increasing defense spending to buy new attack helicopters and new main battle tanks.

How would a Fascist react to the following?

1. Banning the wearing of religious clothing and symbols in public places.
2. Promoting Gay Pride parades in cities across Canada.
3. Passing a law to make singing the national anthem mandatory at the start of all group gatherings, including school classes.
4. Increasing Canada's contribution to foreign aid for Black African nations.

How would a Communist react to the following?

1. Removing the tax-free status of Churches in Canada.
2. Squatters seizing control of the empty Woodward's building and using it as a place for homeless people to live.
3. The BC government selling BC Rail to the CNR.
4. Don Cherry making negative remarks about European and French-Canadian hockey players on Coaches Corner during NHL hockey telecasts.

Identify the viewpoint of the speaker of each of the viewpoints below and write an answer from Reform Liberal viewpoint.

1. "Government should stay completely out of peoples' lives. Regulations just get in the way of business and taxes discourage people from working."
2. "Workers of the World unite; you have nothing to lose but your chains."
3. "People are basically bad. We must ensure that there are firm rules in place to keep people in line."

Identify the viewpoint of the speaker of each of the viewpoints below and write an answer from a Conservative viewpoint.

1. "There is too much permissiveness in society today. Sex and violence on TV and in video games is perverting our children. Censorship is needed."
2. "Natives and Eco-freaks are destroying our forest industry. We must support business against their disruptive activities. People who block roads should be arrested and given long jail sentences."
3. "Lets introduce new text-books in our schools to combat homophobia and encourage more feminist attitudes. We have to make students more open to alternative lifestyles and we have to break the bad attitudes of the past."