

Ideologies Mini Unit Test Study Guide

In order to be successful on the Ideologies Test, you must be able to do the following:

1. Define: Communism, Conservatism, Fascism, Liberalism, Socialism; Dictatorship, Democracy; Capitalism

(Handouts Titled: "Ideologies Handouts" & Three Ideological Perspectives)

2. Be able to place the underlined ideologies above in their correct position on the political spectrum.

(Handout "Ideologies Handouts" & Overhead "Political Spectrum")

3. Identify distinguishing beliefs for each of the five underlined ideologies above. In other words, know different things that people from each ideology would believe, such as:

- a. Do they feel that people will or will not make good choices without a strong government forcing them to?
- b. Do they feel that progress and new ideas are good for society?
- c. Do they feel that technology should be used if it benefits society?
- d. Do they believe that decisions should be voted upon by citizens or dictated by one powerful leader?
- e. Do they believe that the government should control business or private citizens?
- f. Do they believe in economic equality (same amount for all) or free enterprise, (those who have the money and ambition can make more money)?

(Handout Titled: "Selected Political Systems")

4. Based on your own values and feelings, select the ideology that most closely matches your beliefs, list three ideas associated with the ideology that you like best AND explain why each of the three ideas is important to you.

(Handout Titled: Political Spectrum – Where do you fit?)