CONSERVATIVE

Liberty based on the Right to Private Property

Representative party: Republican, Constitution, *Libertarian
Social order: Individualism
Self-governance and freedom of conscience
Socio-economic system: Capitalistic (competitive, free-market system)
General attitude of electorate:
Self-reliance, perseverance and willingness to assume risks
Anti-labor (Unions as violation of businessman's property rights and liberty)
Deep respect for the success and prosperity of others
Government structure and hierarchy:
Dispersal of power (municipalities, counties, states)
Strict adherence to the Constitution
Family as the fundamental socio-economic unit
Most powerful to least powerful: individual, family, church, local, state, federal
Fiscal and economic policies:
Opposed to inheritance tax (weakens family as the foundation of society)
In favor of low taxes and limited government
Opposed to public welfare, social security, and socialized healthcare
Faith-based programs and private charity
Social policies:
A society based on Christian principles and absolute truth (i.e. the Bible)
Pro-life (opposed to abortion on religious and moral grounds)
Traditional marriage (sanctioned by God between one man and one woman)
Support prayer in schools and the teaching of intelligent design (creationism)
Opposed to the removal of Christian symbols from the public square
Opposed to racial quotas and affirmative action
In favor of capital punishment and stricter laws as means to prevent crime
Support constitutionally protected gun ownership
Foreign and environmental:
Opposed to amnesty for illegal immigrants (enforce current immigration laws)
Sovereign existence, strong military and acting alone (or unilaterally)
Skeptical of global warming
In favor of drilling off-shore and in the ANWR
Voter base and support (generally):
Evangelicals (Bible-believing Christians), entrepreneurs, military personnel, and gun rights activists (NRA)

LIBERAL

Equality through social, economic and political reform

Representative party: Democrat, Socialist, **Green
Social order: Collectivism
Government ultimately decides what is best for its citizens
Socio-economic system: Socialistic (a government controlled economy)
General attitude of electorate:
State-reliant, preferring a life of mediocrity and free of risks
Pro-labor (Unions as a means of equality and weapon of class warfare)
The success and prosperity of others seen as a societal injustice
Government structure and hierarchy:
Concentration of power (large, centralized, federal government)
Constitutional reform (or deconstructionism)
Government controls every aspect of life
Most powerful to least powerful: federal, state, local, church, family, individual
Fiscal and economic policies:
Support inheritance tax (means of "equality" and strengthening the state)
In favor of high taxes and large government
In favor of public welfare, social security, and socialized healthcare
Government programs and redistribution of wealth
Social policies:
Secular, scientific principles and situation ethics (relativism and humanism)
Pro-choice (a fetus is not a human life and abortion is a personal choice)
Legalized gay marriage (to ensure equal rights for all citizens)
Opposed to prayer in schools and teaching of intelligent design (creationism)
In favor of the removal of Christian symbols from the public square
In favor of racial quotas and affirmative action
Opposed to death penalty on grounds that it is cruel and inhumane
In favor of gun control
Foreign and environmental:
Support amnesty for illegal aliens (immigration reform and open borders)
Submit our national interests to the United Nations (U.N.)
Global warming as a scientific fact
Opposed to increased drilling off-shore and in the ANWR
Voter base and support (blocs):
Labor unions, government employees, mainstream media, Hollywood, academia, public education, environmentalists, and welfare recipients.