

AP US Government and Politics

Ideology Predictions on Policy

Directions: Below you will find 9 policies that the US government has made. Your job is to

- Explain what kind of policy – i.e. monetary, social welfare etc.
- predict how liberals, conservatives and ONE other ideology group felt about the policy and to explain why - make the connection!
- Please answer on a Google Doc that is shared with me-lwaddell@tempeunion.org

Policy #1

PEV Tax Credit

A tax credit is available for the purchase of a new qualified PEV that draws propulsion using a traction battery that has at least five kilowatt-hours (kWh) of capacity, uses an external source of energy to recharge the battery, has a gross vehicle weight rating of up to 14,000 pounds, and meets specified emission standards. The minimum credit amount is \$2,500, and the credit may be up to \$7,500, based on each vehicle's traction battery capacity and the gross vehicle weight rating. The credit will begin to be phased out for each manufacturer in the second quarter following the calendar quarter in which a minimum of 200,000 qualified PEVs have been sold by that manufacturer for use in the United States.

Prediction #1

Explanation:

Liberal	Conservative	Other -

Policy #2

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA)

This Act made several significant changes to the individual income tax. These changes include a nearly doubled standard deduction, new limitations on itemized deductions, reduced income tax rates, and reforms to several other provisions. In all, these changes simplify the individual income tax by eliminating the need for millions of households to itemize their deductions.

Prediction #2

Explanation:

Liberal	Conservative	Other -

Policy #3

Monetary Control Act

The Act served several functions. It deregulated banks and banking interest rates, raised the amount of money the FDIC insured accounts for (from \$40,000 to \$100,000), and required banks to make regular reports to the Federal Reserve Bank concerning its deposits. This Act had two-parts, and the second was called the Depository Institutions Deregulation Act.

Prediction #3

Explanation:

Liberal	Conservative	Other -

Policy #4

NAFTA

An agreement among the United States, Canada and Mexico designed to remove tariff barriers between the three countries. It required the elimination of tariffs on half of U.S. goods shipped to Mexico and the gradual phase out of other tariffs among the U.S., Canada and Mexico over a 14-year period.

Prediction #4

Explanation:

Liberal	Conservative	Other -

Policy #5

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families

The Act provides temporary financial assistance while aiming to get people off of that assistance, primarily through employment. There is a maximum of 60 months of benefits within one's lifetime, but some states have instituted shorter periods. The reform granted states wide discretion of how to distribute TANF entitlements. States also have the authority to eliminate payments to recipients altogether. Under the new act, TANF recipients are required to find a job within 24 months of receiving aid. In enforcing the 60-month time limit, some states place limits on the adult portion of the assistance only, while still aiding the otherwise eligible children in the household.

Prediction #5

Explanation:

Liberal	Conservative	Other -

Policy #6

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

This Act issued new rules and guidelines on the offering, administration, and acceptance of healthcare coverage in the United States. PPACA directly regulates healthcare providers, insurance companies, individuals, and employers. The law was amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act.

Prediction #6

Explanation:

Liberal	Conservative	Other -

Policy #7

Obergefell v Hodges

The Court held that the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment guarantees the right to marry as one of the fundamental liberties it protects, and that analysis applies to same-sex couples in the same manner as it does to opposite-sex couples. Judicial precedent has held that the right to marry is a fundamental liberty because it is inherent to the concept of individual autonomy, it protects the most intimate association between two people, it safeguards children and families by according legal recognition to building a home and raising children, and it has historically been recognized as the keystone of social order. Because there are no differences between a same-sex union and an opposite-sex union with respect to these principles, the exclusion of same-sex couples from the right to marry violates the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.

Prediction #7

Explanation:

Liberal	Conservative	Other -

Policy #8

Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act

This Act establishes a separate legal regime for "foreign intelligence" surveillance. Title III (the "Wiretap Statute") outlines the strict guidelines regulating ordinary law enforcement surveillance, while FISA regulates the government's collection of "foreign intelligence" information in furtherance of U.S. counterintelligence. FISA was initially limited to electronic eavesdropping and wiretapping. It was amended to permit covert physical entries in connection with "security" investigations, and, it also was amended to permit pen/trap orders. FISA can also be used to obtain some business records.

Prediction #8

Explanation:

Liberal	Conservative	Other -

Policy #9

Race to the Top

RTT is an initiative intended to encourage reform and improve student outcomes in K–12 education by awarding competitive grants to states that agreed to implement certain policies and practices, including creating state data systems and adopting common standards.

Prediction #9

Explanation:

Liberal	Conservative	Other -