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**Objective:** I am able to identify common fears shared by the U.S. political parties and the different political languages they speak.

1. Opening Activity: Ask students to brainstorm and write down 3 things that threaten civilization.

Answers can range from natural to philosophical to moral, etc.

(ie, ww3, an asteroid hitting earth, disease, moral decay, religion, lack of religion, famine, political issues, etc.)

2. Explain that there are three things that all political parties think threaten civilization:

**Oppression**

**Barbary**

**Coercion**

These three fears represent the types of languages that each party relies on. Each emphasizes one a bit more than the others in their responses to issues.

Explain what this tends to sound like in each political circle:

Democrats - Oppression: looking out for minorities and those in need, equitable *justice*

Republicans - Barbary: Civilization needs a *moral* core

Libertarian - Coercion: The gov should be limited in restricting the *liberty* of individuals

3. Show border wall protest video.

-Ask students to think pair share over how the issue of immigration is seen through the language of oppression, then barbarity, then coercion.