

The Political Spectrum

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Objectives:

1. Students will assess their understanding of political ideology terms
2. Students will have a thorough understanding of the political perspective
3. Students will define political ideology terms
4. Students will create a political spectrum chart
5. Students will research articles that support specific political ideologies
6. Students will apply their understanding by placing articles and images to where they apply on the spectrum

Terms to know:

- Conservative
- Independent
- Left-wing
- Liberal
- Radical Extremism
- Libertarian
- Moderate
- Right-wing
- Totalitarian

Activities:

1. First the teacher will have the students brainstorm what they know about the different political ideology terms and write their responses on the board
2. Next the teacher will give the students definitions or a self assessment quiz for the political ideology terms
3. Then, students will be broken up into small groups (3-4 students). Each group will be given index cards featuring various political positions. They will have to discuss each position and decide where each card will fall on the political spectrum
4. Class will have a discussion on where these positions belong on the spectrum
5. Students will create a political spectrum poster, labeling where terminology falls on the spectrum. Students will then assign each topic under coordinating terms
 - a. Extension activity: Student can research online articles that support each political term

Assessment:

Students will pick one of the topics discussed in class and write a 2 page, typed, double spaced essay expressing their own views on that topic. Essays will be submitted with the students' names on them, but shared and discussed anonymously with the class at a later point in time.

Technology Options

1. Student can take an online term quiz on political terminology -
<https://www.people-press.org/quiz/political-typology/>
2. Students can take the World's Smallest Political Quiz-
http://kilyos.ee.bilkent.edu.tr/~ge301/theadvocates_quiz.pdf
3. Students can utilize google drive or MSPublisher to create an online option of this project, creating links and images for each term on the spectrum