

Political Spectrum Quiz

Directions: Please score yourself for each of the following items. Total the categories separately.

Agree = 2 points

Not Sure = 0 points

Disagree = -2 points

Economic Issues

_____ Businesses and the wealthy should pay taxes at a higher rate than poor Americans.

_____ The federal government should encourage/invest in international free trade.

_____ The federal govt should regulate retirement savings, including maintenance of Social Security (a federal insurance program that provides benefits to retired people and those who are unemployed or disabled.)

_____ The federal government should maintain welfare spending.

_____ It is ok to carry a deficit in order to maintain vital govt. services.

_____ Economic Issues Sub-Total

Social Issues

_____ Government should censor speech, press, media, or internet.

_____ Marriage should not be restricted to unions between a man and a woman.

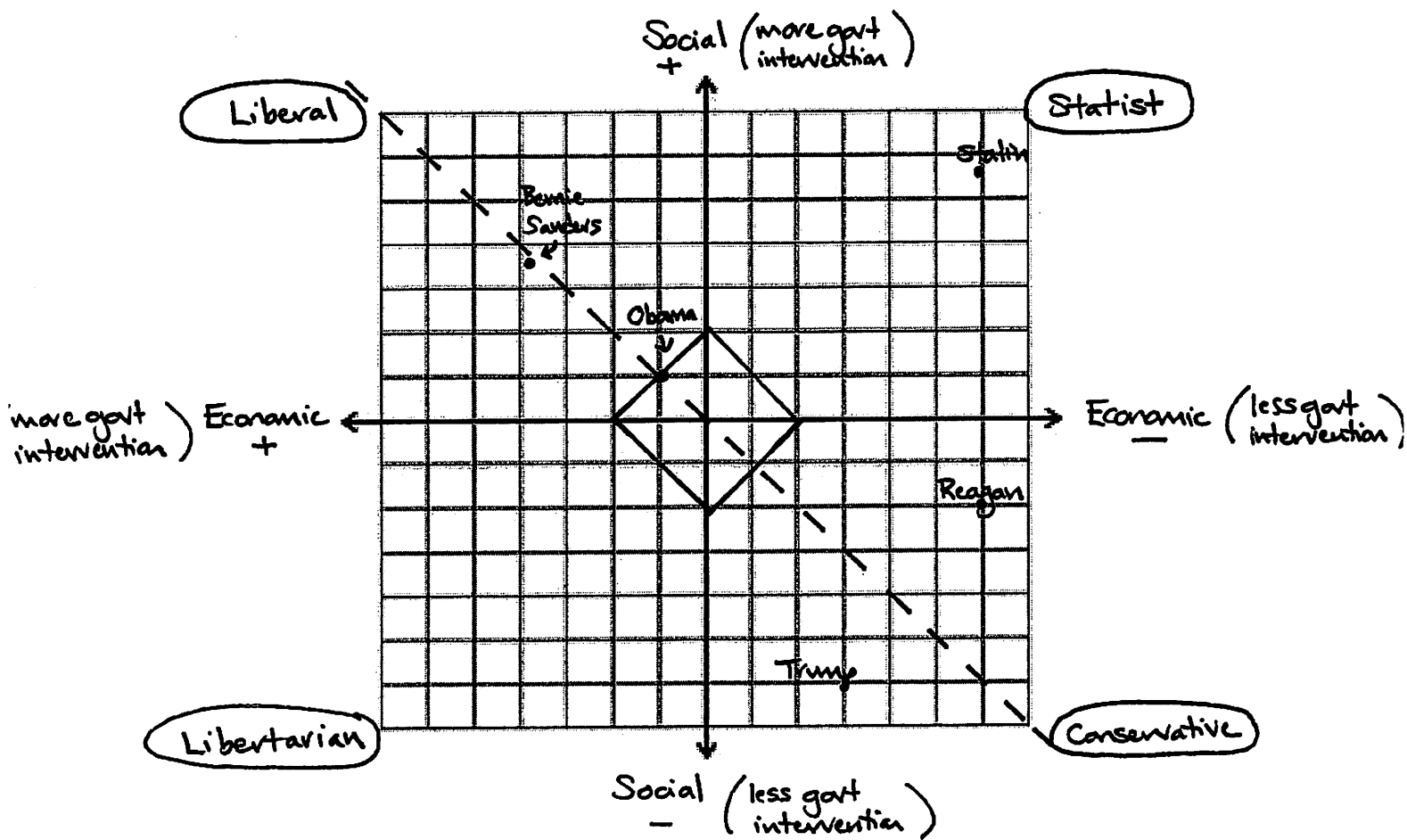
_____ The government should create laws which protect a woman's right to abortion.

_____ The federal govt should guarantee universal access to health care.

_____ The federal govt has a right to enact restrictions on gun sales/ownership.

_____ Social Issues Sub-Total

The Political Compass (Plot yourself on the spectrum. Where do you fall?)



Why a political compass instead of a spectrum? Remember, this is a more sophisticated way of looking at the political spectrum. It allows for more vantage points and nuances of opinion.

However, at the end of the day, in a 2 party system (Dem/Rep), those who fall into the statist or libertarian quadrants typically have to decide for which party they will vote. The Democratic Party represents the liberal perspective while the Republican Party represents the conservative. Both parties try to appeal to the moderates when they craft their party platforms in order to appeal to as many Americans as they are able.

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Economic Issues

_____ Limited tax cuts for corporations

_____ Support government involvement in international free trade.

_____ Support govt involvement in retirement savings, including maintenance of Social Security (a federal insurance program that provides benefits to retired people and those who are unemployed or disabled.)

_____ Support government welfare spending

_____ It is ok to carry a deficit in order to maintain vital govt. services.

_____ Economic Issues Sub-Total

Social Issues

_____ Government should censor speech, press, media, or internet.

_____ Marriage should be restricted to unions between a man and a woman.

_____ There should be laws which protect the life of an unborn child.

_____ ^{There should be laws} ~~Do not repeal laws~~ prohibiting adult possession and use of drugs such as marijuana.

_____ Health care should be entirely privatized. *(not govt provided/mandated)*

_____ Social Issues Sub-Total