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Chapter 02 - The Idea of the Public Good

True / False

1. Compared to many other countries, the political spectrum in the United States is shifted to the right.
   a. True
   b. False

   ANSWER: True
   REFERENCES: Ideologies and the Public Good
   LEARNING OBJECTIVES: UNPO.MAGS.17.2.4 - Differences between liberal and conservative

2. Ideology is a set of fixed, predictable ideas on how to serve the public good.
   a. True
   b. False

   ANSWER: True
   REFERENCES: Ideologies and the Public Good
   LEARNING OBJECTIVES: UNPO.MAGS.17.2.1 - What is the public good?

3. Until the twentieth century, monarchism was the most prevalent form of government in the world.
   a. True
   b. False

   ANSWER: True
   REFERENCES: Ideologies of the Right
   LEARNING OBJECTIVES: UNPO.MAGS.17.2.2 - Identify the three kinds of ideologies

4. Fascism appeals to people's ideals of nationalism, ethnicity, and/or race.
   a. True
   b. False

   ANSWER: True
   REFERENCES: Ideologies of the Right
   LEARNING OBJECTIVES: UNPO.MAGS.17.2.2 - Identify the three kinds of ideologies

5. Aristotle regarded democracy as the best form of government.
   a. True
   b. False

   ANSWER: False
   REFERENCES: Ideologies of the Right
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6. The election of Ronald Reagan served as a catalyst for accelerating the efforts of the Religious Right.
   a. True
   b. False

   ANSWER: True
   REFERENCES: The Religious Right
   LEARNING OBJECTIVES: UNPO.MAGS.17.2.2 - Identify the three kinds of ideologies

7. Communism is the most prevalent and powerful ideology in Europe and Asia today.
   a. True
   b. False

   ANSWER: False
   REFERENCES: Capitalism
   LEARNING OBJECTIVES: UNPO.MAGS.17.2.2 - Identify the three kinds of ideologies

8. Conservatives believe that rich people deserve to be rich, and wealth is a sign of success and reward.

   a. True
   b. False

   ANSWER: True
   REFERENCES: Capitalism
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9. Left-wing ideologies posit a view of human beings living together cooperatively, free from demeaning social divisions.
   a. True
   b. False

   ANSWER: True
   REFERENCES: Ideologies of the Left
   LEARNING OBJECTIVES: UNPO.MAGS.17.2.2 - Identify the three kinds of ideologies

10. The modern welfare state is the invention of European social democracy.
    a. True
    b. False

    ANSWER: True
    REFERENCES: Ideologies of the Left
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11. In the United States, both liberalism and conservatism developed from a common set of fundamental political principles.
    a. True
    b. False

    ANSWER: True
    REFERENCES: Common Themes
    LEARNING OBJECTIVES: UNPO.MAGS.17.2.4 - Differences between liberal and conservative

12. The idea of the commercial republic was popularized by Adam Smith.
    a. True
    b. False

    ANSWER: False
    REFERENCES: Conservatives: Economic Rights and Free Enterprise
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13. Liberals believe that government action leads to greater social equality.
    a. True
    b. False

    ANSWER: True
    REFERENCES: Liberals: Civil Rights and Social Justice
    LEARNING OBJECTIVES: UNPO.MAGS.17.2.4 - Differences between liberal and conservative

14. John Stuart Mill advocated for an individualist viewpoint that became a key component of liberalism.
    a. True
    b. False

    ANSWER: True
    REFERENCES: Liberals: Civil Rights and Social Justice
    LEARNING OBJECTIVES: UNPO.MAGS.17.2.4 - Differences between liberal and conservative

15. Liberals generally use the past for guidance when meeting the challenges of the present.
    a. True
    b. False

    ANSWER: False
    REFERENCES: Differences: Essential and Exaggerated
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Multiple Choice

16. What is the term for the filter that we use to interpret events?
    a. Social environment
    b. Capitalism
    c. Ideology
    d. Politics
    e. Gradualism

    ANSWER: c
    REFERENCES: Ideologies and the Public Good
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17. Which of the following would favor a public assistance program, cuts in military spending, more regulation of business and industry, and a progressive tax system?
    a. Capitalists
    b. Liberals
    c. Libertarians
    d. Marxists
    e. Conservatives

    ANSWER: b
    REFERENCES: Ideologies and the Public Good
    LEARNING OBJECTIVES: UNPO.MAGS.17.2.1 - What is the public good?

18. Anarchism is founded on the belief that
    a. capitalism promotes inequality and should be destroyed.
    b. the poor are responsible for their own poverty.
    c. opposes the existence of any form of government.
    d. government intervention is bad for the economy.
    e. equality is a basic human right.

    ANSWER: c
    REFERENCES: Antigovernment Ideologies
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19. Which of the following would be considered a totalitarian political system?
    a. Capitalism
    b. Fascism
    c. Anarchism
    d. Communism
    e. Socialism

    ANSWER: b
    REFERENCES: Ideologies of the Right
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20. Extreme right-wing ideologies share which of these traits in common?
    a. Resistance to any form of government intervention in the economy
    b. Fervant patriotism
    c. Appeal to popular prejudices and hatred
    d. Commitment to social justice
    e. Belief in individual rights

    ANSWER: c
    REFERENCES: Ideologies of the Right
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21. Which of the following most significantly accelerated the "values divide" between liberals and conservatives?
    a. The election of Ronald Reagan
    b. The rise of the KKK
    c. The Contract with America
    d. The war on terror
    e. The election of Barack Obama

    ANSWER: d
    REFERENCES: The "Values Divide" and the War on Terror
    LEARNING OBJECTIVES: UNPO.MAGS.17.2.3 - What are the five core values?

22. When it comes to moral issues, conservatives
    a. believe morality is personal.
    b. think it is the job of government to regulate morality.
    c. promote tolerance as a key moral value.
    d. look to religion as the foundation of morality.
    e. avoid discussions about morality.

    ANSWER: d
    REFERENCES: The "Values Divide" and the War on Terror
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23. Which political group has seen its numbers increase in the United States in the past decade?
    a. Independents
    b. Republicans
    c. Democratic socialists
    d. Democrats
    e. Libertarians

    ANSWER: a
    REFERENCES: Choosing Sides vs. Making Choices
    LEARNING OBJECTIVES: UNPO.MAGS.17.2.5 - Which ideology better guarantees freedom, justice and democracy?

24. The statement, "That government is best, which governs least" best characterizes which ideology?
    a. Liberalism
    b. Libertarianism
    c. Communism
    d. Conservatism
    e. Nihilism

    ANSWER: b
    REFERENCES: Ideologies of the Right
    LEARNING OBJECTIVES: UNPO.MAGS.17.2.2 - Identify the three kinds of ideologies

25. What is the term for Karl Marx's theory of historical progression that is focused on class struggle?
    a. Monopoly capitalism
    b. Law of capitalist accumulation
    c. Gradualism
    d. Dialectical materialism
    e. Law of pauperization

    ANSWER: d
    REFERENCES: Communism
    LEARNING OBJECTIVES: UNPO.MAGS.17.2.2 - Identify the three kinds of ideologies

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26. All of the following reflect liberal values EXCEPT
    a. gay rights.
    b. legal abortions.
    c. free speech.
    d. prayer in schools.
    e. public assistance programs.

    ANSWER: d
    REFERENCES: The "Values Divide" and the War on Terror
    LEARNING OBJECTIVES: UNPO.MAGS.17.2.3 - What are the five core values?

27. Which ideology tries to achieve collectivist ends by using democratic means?
    a. Communism
    b. Liberalism
    c. Capitalism
    d. Conservatism
    e. Democratic Socialism

    ANSWER: e
    REFERENCES: Democratic Socialism
    LEARNING OBJECTIVES: UNPO.MAGS.17.2.4 - Differences between liberal and conservative

28. Liberalism and conservatism are both rooted in principles found in the political philosophy of
    a. John Locke.
    b. Adam Smith.
    c. Friedrich Hayek.
    d. Baron de Montesquieu.
    e. G.W.F. Hegel.

    ANSWER: a
    REFERENCES: Common Themes
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29. Which of the following is a true statement about liberals and conservatives?
    a. Both liberals and conservatives stress the virtues of free enterprise and minimal government.
    b. Conservatives devote considerable political attention to economic inequality.
    c. Liberals define equality to cover economic, political and social rights.
    d. Conservatives are not as concerned as liberals with matters of freedom and human rights.
    e. Liberals embrace efforts to limit the role of government.

    ANSWER: c
    REFERENCES: The Uses and Abuses of Labels
    LEARNING OBJECTIVES: UNPO.MAGS.17.2.5 - Which ideology better guarantees freedom, justice and democracy?

30. Which theorist argued that the main purpose of government was to protect private property?
    a. John Locke
    b. Adam Smith
    c. Milton Friedman
    d. Baron de Montesquieu
    e. Karl Marx

    ANSWER: a
    REFERENCES: Conservatives: Economic Rights and Free Enterprise
    LEARNING OBJECTIVES: UNPO.MAGS.17.2.4 - Differences between liberal and conservative

31. Who developed the idea of *laissez-faire* capitalism?
    a. John Locke
    b. Adam Smith
    c. Baron de Montesquieu
    d. Friedrich Engels
    e. François Noël Babeuf

    ANSWER: b
    REFERENCES: Conservatives: Economic Rights and Free Enterprise
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32. According to Baron de Montesquieu, what are the advantages associated with business and commerce?
    a. Nations that trade extensively with other nations are predisposed toward peace.
    b. Commerce would provide an antidote to individual morality.
    c. Focus on wealth creation that would stimulate religious organizations.
    d. A commercial democracy would eliminate certain modest bourgeois attitudes.
    e. Successful commerce would stimulate spending and end frugality.

    ANSWER: a
    REFERENCES: Conservatives: Economic Rights and Free Enterprise
    LEARNING OBJECTIVES: UNPO.MAGS.17.2.4 - Differences between liberal and conservative

33. Which of the following do conservatives tend to stress the most?
    a. Increased military spending
    b. The rejection of property ownership free from government's interference
    c. Egalitarian ideals and civil liberty
    d. Economic rights and freedom of enterprise
    e. The role of government in ending poverty

    ANSWER: d
    REFERENCES: Conservatives: Economic Rights and Free Enterprise
    LEARNING OBJECTIVES: UNPO.MAGS.17.2.4 - Differences between liberal and conservative

34. Who was the main architect behind the restoration of classical liberalism in economics during the twentieth century?
    a. Friedrich Hayek
    b. Milton Friedman
    c. Adam Smith
    d. Helmut Kohl
    e. Ronald Reagan

    ANSWER: b
    REFERENCES: Modern Conservatism
    LEARNING OBJECTIVES: UNPO.MAGS.17.2.4 - Differences between liberal and conservative

35. The *root* of the differences between liberals and conservatives can be found in
    a. their views on what role government should play in shaping society.
    b. their views of human nature.
    c. the fact that liberals tend to be less hard-working than conservatives.
    d. their views on the human condition in an evolving historical process.
    e. the fact that liberals are more compassionate than conservatives.

    ANSWER: b
    REFERENCES: The "Values Divide" and the War on Terror
    LEARNING OBJECTIVES: UNPO.MAGS.17.2.3 - What are the five core values?

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Essay

36. Compare and contrast the recent political history of the United States with the recent political history of Europe. Explain the differences and similarities.

ANSWER: Student answers will vary.
REFERENCES: Ideologies and the Public Good; Ideologies and Politics in the United States
LEARNING OBJECTIVES: UNPO.MAGS.17.2.1 - What is the public good?

37. How do liberal and conservative positions and values differ on matters that affect national security, equality, and prosperity? Are there any areas where you see the potential for compromise or overlap? Why or why not?

ANSWER: Student answers will vary.
REFERENCES: Capitalism; Ideologies and Politics in the United States; The "Values Divide" and the War on Terror
LEARNING OBJECTIVES: UNPO.MAGS.17.2.3 - What are the five core values?

38. Explain how the capitalist system is doomed to failure, according to the theories and ideas of Karl Marx.

ANSWER: Student answers will vary.
REFERENCES: Communism; Capitalism
LEARNING OBJECTIVES: UNPO.MAGS.17.2.2 - Identify the three kinds of ideologies

39. What is the "public good"? How do politicians differ on the role of government in protecting and serving the public good? What policy debates illustrate the ways in which different ideologies can lead to diverse strategies for maintaining the public good?

ANSWER: Student answers will vary.
REFERENCES: Ideologies and the Public Good
LEARNING OBJECTIVES: UNPO.MAGS.17.2.1 - What is the public good?

40. Given the current polarized political climate in the United States, do you think one ideology -- liberal, conservative, or antigovernment -- does a better job of protecting freedom, justice, and democracy? If so, which one, and why?

ANSWER: Student answers will vary.
REFERENCES: Capitalism; Ideologies and Politics in the United States
LEARNING OBJECTIVES: UNPO.MAGS.17.2.5 - Which ideology better guarantees freedom, justice and democracy?

41. In the United States, both libertarians and the Religious Right are considered to be conservatives. How similar are they? What accounts for their common designation? How might a libertarian and a member of the Christian Coalition respond to a piece of anti-pornography legislation? What do the differences in their likely responses tell you about the American political spectrum?

ANSWER: Student answers will vary.
REFERENCES: Ideologies of the Right; Ideologies and Politics in the United States
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