

# Political Ideology Interview

In this assignment, you will be asked to interview someone you know about their political ideology while focusing on some of the major concepts and topics from the course. You will **record the answers in this interview in your notebook.**

Step 1. Choose a person that you can talk with easily. This can be a parent, friend, neighbor, or anyone else whose opinion you value.

Step 2. You must ask **at least one question from each of the categories** below. These questions are just examples! You may also write your own questions similar to these. You can ask as many questions as you like but you must cover the following topic areas:

Political Ideology: (some example questions could include)

How would you describe yourself politically?

Do you value tradition or progress more?

Would you rather be freer or safer?

Political Socialization:

Who taught you the most about politics?

What would it take for you to change your political views?

Where do you get most of your news?

Do you follow politics closely?

Political Participation:

Have you ever been involved in an act of protest?

How do you feel about the voter turnout rates in America's elections?

Political Efficacy:

Do you feel that your vote matters?

Do you think people can change the government?

Do you think that you might ever be interested in running for office?

Political Trust:

Do you trust the government?

How has your trust in the government changed?

What events have caused your trust in the government to change?

Step 3: Interview your subject...

For each of the topic areas, make sure to explain the topic to your interview subject. For example, before you ask questions about political efficacy say, "I would like to ask you a few questions concerning political efficacy, political efficacy is..." This is one of the most important parts of the assignment!

Have Fun!