

## BORN THIS WAY?

Listen to the ROOM 2B podcast **BORN THIS WAY** at mrreview.org and complete the following exercise. Be prepared to discuss with your classmates.

1. Explain what is meant by the cliché “zip code is destiny”?
  
2. Explain how the following influence our political socialization over time:
  - Age
  - Income
  - Education
  - Region
  
3. Explain how the following influence our political socialization over time:
  - Opportunity
  - Ability
  - Motivation
  
4. Complete the Quantitative Analysis prompt that follows:

**Americans’ Political Ideology by Subgroup, 2018**  
Ranked by net conservative

	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal	Net Conservative
	%	%	%	
Republicans	73	22	4	+69
65 and older	43	30	22	+21
Men	40	35	21	+19
Age 50 to 64	41	32	23	+18
South	39	34	21	+18
No college	38	35	21	+17
White (Non-Hispanic)	39	33	24	+15
Some college	37	36	24	+13
Midwest	36	35	25	+11
\$30,000 to \$74,999	36	36	26	+10
U.S. Adults	35	35	26	+9
\$75,000 or more	35	35	28	+7
Less than \$30,000	32	36	26	+6
Independents	28	45	22	+6
West	31	35	29	+2
College graduate only	33	34	31	+2
Hispanic	29	37	29	0
Women	30	35	30	0
Age 30 to 49	29	37	30	-1
East	30	35	31	-1
Age 18 to 29	26	40	30	-4
Black (Non-Hispanic)	22	41	31	-9
Postgraduate education	23	37	38	-15
Democrats	13	34	51	-38

Net conservative = % conservative minus % liberal. Based on annual averages for 2018

Source: **GALLUP**

Use the table above to answer the questions.

- A. Identify the net conservative number for U.S. adults.
- B. Describe a similarity or difference between American political ideological subgroups of conservatives and liberals, as illustrated in the data set, and draw a conclusion about that similarity or difference.
- C. Explain how net conservative data from 2018 might affect the policy agenda for the current House of Representatives.