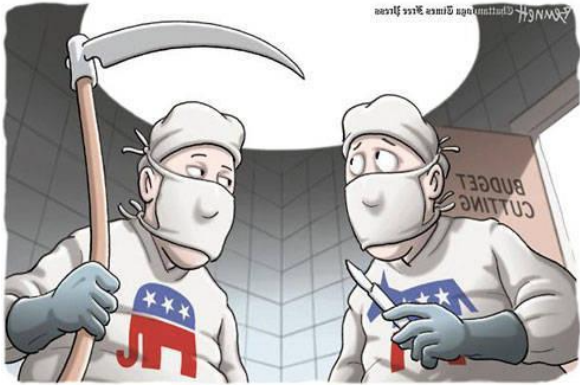


Unit 4 AMERICAN POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES AND BELIEFS

Room 2B HIVE

4.7 Ideologies of Political Parties

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ESSENTIALS

The Democratic Party (D or DEM) platforms generally align more closely to liberal ideological positions, and the Republican Party (R or GOP) platforms generally align more closely to conservative ideological positions.

- 1. What is the underlying idea of this cartoon?
- 2. Find evidence that supports this cartoon. List examples.

LOOKING AT PARTY PLATFORMS

Who do the political parties think they are?
Complete this chart with formal statements and/or examples

	REPUBLICAN PLATFORM	DEMOCRAT PLATFORM
EDUCATION		
HEALTH CARE		
THE ECONOMY		
CRIMINAL JUSTICE		
IMMIGRATION		
CULTURE		

The Democratic Party is generally influenced by liberal ideology and the Republican Party is generally influenced by conservative ideology.

Differentiate between POLITICAL IDEOLOGY and POLITICAL CULTURE:

Circle the best answer:

I AM A . . .

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT

CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICAN

Explaining your answer above:

List your DEMOGRAPHIC characteristics that help to explain your “political bent”

Consider gender, age, race, education, religion, region, and economic-status

Investigate on the WEB

FIND two DEMOCRATS (any level of government) on the WEB and assess their policy views by looking at specific examples. Compare these views to the self-assessment you made above. If you are a DEMOCRAT do you agree? If you are a REPUBLICAN do you disagree?

Write down your findings here

FIND two REPUBLICANS (any level of government) on the WEB and assess their policy views by looking at specific examples. Compare these views to the self-assessment you made above. If you are a REPUBLICAN do you agree? If you are a DEMOCRAT do you disagree?

Write down your findings here

ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY

Years ago, during a political campaign, a third-party candidate claimed, “there is not a dime’s worth of difference between Democrats and Republicans.” Assess the facts and respond to this claim.

Include a claim statement

Provide evidence from documents

Present a concession statement followed by a refutation