Comparing Liberalism and Conservatism
Differing Views: Businesses and the Economy

Liberalism
• Prefers more government regulations that allow businesses to fairly compete with one another
• More protections for workers from corporate interests
  • Labor Unions

Conservatism
• Desires little government intervention in the economy and few restrictions that would prevent businesses from making as much money as possible
• Wants services to be provided by businesses
  • Less dealing with bureaucracy
  • Retirement in hands of private businesses
Paid Maternal Leave

![Map of countries with paid leave](image-url)

**Countries with paid leave:**
- 26 weeks or more
- 14-25 weeks
- Less than 14 weeks

**No paid leave:**

- Data not available
Workers Rights

Lighter color signifies more rights for workers
## Differing Views: Social Choice

**Liberalism**
- Promote principles of personal liberty
  - Values freedom of choice without restrictions of religion
    - Pro-Abortion
    - Pro-Homosexuality
    - Pro-Doctor Assisted Suicide
  - Reform rather than punish criminals
  - Progressive ideals

**Conservatism**
- Promotes traditional values of society
  - Ideas conform to traditional religious values
    - Anti-Abortion
    - Anti-Homosexuality
    - Anti-Doctor Assisted Suicide
  - Harsher penalties for crimes
    - Including Death Penalty
  - Traditional definition of marriage
Social Choice: Abortion
Social Choice: Homosexuality

Then and now

Homosexual acts, October 2014
- Already legal in 1966
- Banned in 1966, still banned
- Banned in 1966, now legal
- Banned since 1966

Sources: Jingshu Zhu; ILGA; The Economist
Capital punishment

Death-penalty status, June 2015

Sources: Amnesty International; press reports

Abolished/none
Retained for exceptional crimes*
Abolished in practice
In use for ordinary crimes

*Such as military crimes and terrorism

Economist.com
Differing Views: Religion

**Liberalism**
- Would prefer separation of church from the public sphere
  - Wants religion to be personal choice, not dictated by government
- Separation of Church and State
  - Prevent laws from being made for religious reasons

**Conservatism**
- Believes that religion provides a moral guide for laws to be based on
  - Lot of justifications for new laws based off religious ideals
Differing Views: Government Services

**Liberalism**
- More government services in return for more taxes
- Wants government to provide social services
  - Healthcare, Welfare, etc...
- Free and high quality education

**Conservatism**
- Wants services to be provided by businesses
  - Less dealing with bureaucracy
  - Retirement in hands of private businesses
- Lower taxes allow more choice for people to choose programs
- Free primary and secondary education
Countries with free College Education
Effective tax rates
On gross income of $100,000, May 2011, %

- Belgium
- Greece
- Germany
- France
- Denmark
- India
- Brazil
- Sweden
- Britain
- Czech Republic
- Japan
- China
- Australia
- United States
- Russia
- UAE

Source: KPMG