

## **Political Ideologies & Beliefs Homework Questions**

1. Give a detailed example of how politics has directly affected your life. Please note “it hasn’t” isn’t an acceptable answer.
2. Give an example of someone you personally know who has demonstrated a high level of political efficacy.
3. Why is sovereignty such a difficult concept when trying to determine whether or not a given organization is a state?
4. Do you consider the United States to be a nation? Defend your response.
5. Evaluate the role of political opinion polls in modern American politics.
6. Reflecting upon your own political socialization to this point in your life, who do you think has been most influential? Explain your reasoning.
7. Take at least two of the political spectrum surveys posted on Mr. Busby’s website. Given the results and your own analysis, how would you describe yourself on the political spectrum? Explain your reasoning.
8. Review at least a couple of political polling websites such as Real Clear Politics and Five Thirty-Eight. How would you explain the differences in polling results?
9. How would you conduct an opinion poll to maximize its accuracy? Please be specific.
10. Evaluate the role of mass media in modern American politics.
11. Is propaganda a positive or a negative influence on our political life? Defend your response.
12. Given an example of positive propaganda, explaining why you believe it’s both propaganda and positive. Please note “there is none” isn’t an acceptable answer.
13. Identify and explain at least one interest group that you belong to. Please note “I don’t belong to any interest groups” isn’t an acceptable answer.
14. Evaluate the role of lobbyists in modern American politics.
15. To what extent do you believe lobbyists need more rules/regulations? Specifically, what rules and why? If you think that no changes are necessary, you need to defend that position as well.
16. What are Political Action Committees and why are they significant?
17. What is the difference between a PAC and a SuperPAC? Why is the difference significant?
18. Evaluate how PACs and SuperPACs use money in the political process.