

## PLS 203

**Religion & Politics in the U.S.**  
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**Ch. 7: Religion & Public Opinion**

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The **culture-war thesis**:

- A. Views the US as clearly divided between red (conservative) and blue (liberal) states.
- B. Is greatly exaggerated by the media.
- C. Both
- D. Neither

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The media identify **red states** as geographically located in the:

- A. South
- B. High plains
- C. Rocky Mountain
- D. All of the above

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The media identify **blue states** as geographically located in the:

- A. Northeast
- B. Northern midwest
- C. Pacific coast
- D. All of the above

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Compared to the blue states, residents of **red states** are --

- A. More involved in church activities
- B. Equally involved
- C. Less involved

Compared to the blue states, residents of **red states** are --

- A. More likely to say **religion is very important in their lives**
- B. Equally likely
- C. Less likely

Religious groups differ on **government's role on economic issues**, with --

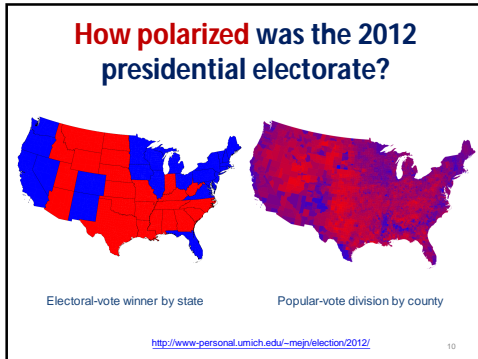
- A. **Jews, seculars, black & Hispanic Protestants** most supportive
- B. **White mainline & evangelical Protestants** least supportive
- C. And **Catholics** in the middle
- D. All of the above

**Moral issues** produce --

- A. Salient divisions **between** religious groups
- B. Salient divisions **within** religious groups
- C. Are not of significant scope and magnitude to constitute **a cultural war**
- D. All of the above

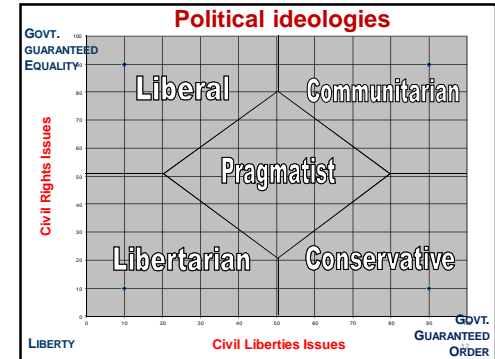
Compared to political elites, **the mass public** is --

- A. **More polarized**
- B. **Equally polarized**
- C. **Less polarized**



### The recent disconnect between political elites & the mass public:

- Political **polarization** in elites:
  - inside government
  - outside government
- Political **moderation** in the public



The ideological group that supports **strong government guarantees of order** at the expense of individual liberty is:

- Communitarian
- Conservative
- Both
- Neither

The ideological group that supports **strong government guarantees of equality** at the expense of individual liberty is:

- Liberal
- Communitarian
- Both
- Neither

The ideological group that **consistently supports guarantees of individual liberty**:

- Libertarian
- Conservative
- Both
- Neither

Major sources of **elite polarization** are recent changes in --

- Elections
- Mass communications
- Economic inequality
- All of the above

