**Lab: Political Ideological Profile**

DUE Date – B-Day: Wed., Sept. 2 & A-Day: Thurs., Sept., 1

* Submit the assignment on [www.stmaryteach.com](http://www.stmaryteach.com/)
* Each assessment should have its own section in your report. Be sure to include the number of each question or instruction.
* Each title is a hyperlink or a quiz.
	1. Pew Research: Political Typology (<http://www.people-press.org/quiz/political-typology/group/21a11970/>Complete the quiz. What is your typology?
	2. What percentage of the general public shares your ideological type? (Question = hyperlink)

Go to the web page: “Comparing Political Typology Groups”. Click on “Types”. It is located near the bottom of the left-side navigation column. On the “Types” page, find your type. It will be listed midway down the left column.

* 1. List “Social Characteristics” of your type. They are listed by bullets in the grey box.
	2. Read the “Key Issues” for your type. (a) Which issue is most important to you? (b) Which, if any, issue is not important to you?
	3. Write a few sentences explaining how you compare with the social characteristics of your type. Title a sheet of notebook paper: “My Political Ideological Diagrams”. Draw the diagram of your ideological placement. It is near the bottom right-side of the page.
1. World’s Shortest Political Quiz [(http://www.theadvocates.org/quiz/quiz.php)](http://www.theadvocates.org/quiz/quiz.php) Take the quiz.

On your separate diagram sheet, draw the diagram of the results of your quiz. If you know how to use the trim tool, you can add it to your word document.

* 1. After reading the description, do you agree with the results? Explain.
	2. What is your “Personal Issues” score? What is your “Economic Issues” score?
	3. Which political group do you most agree with?
	4. Do you think the creators of the quiz are conservative, libertarian or liberal?
1. [The Supreme Court](http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2010/07/25/us/scotus-quiz.html?_r=0)
	1. Which justices did you agree with the most? (Note: Elena Kagan replaced John Paul Stevens in August 2010.)
	2. Looking at the photos of three justices at the bottom of the page, who is considered the ‘swing vote’ on the Court?
	3. Who is considered the most conservative member of the Court?
	4. Who WAS considered the most liberal member of the Court?
2. [Candidate Match Game](http://usatoday30.usatoday.com/news/politics/candidate-match-game/) – Obama vs. Romney

Complete the survey. Take time to read what the candidates actually said about each issue.

* 1. Which candidate did you agree with the most? What percentage of the time?
	2. Do your results surprise you? Explain
1. [2016 Presidential Candidate Selector](http://selectsmart.com/president/)

The following the website will help match a 2016 presidential candidate to your personal political beliefs. Complete the survey and pick the candidate that you shares the highest percentage.

* 1. Which candidate is at the top of your result list and what is his or her percentage based on your survey?
	2. Use the following sites for [Republican](http://www.realclearpolitics.com/epolls/2016/president/us/2016_republican_presidential_nomination-3823.html) or [Democrat](http://www.realclearpolitics.com/epolls/2016/president/us/2016_democratic_presidential_nomination-3824.html) candidates and report the polling data for your particular candidate and what is their spread based on the top ranking candidate or next closest candidate if they are in the lead. (RCP Average)
	3. Go to [Presidential Candidate 2016](http://ballotpedia.org/Presidential_candidates%2C_2016), find your candidate, and pick from the following political issues: immigration, healthcare, abortion, education, gay rights, budget, taxes, climate change, and write a brief paragraph describing, your particular candidates position on this issue.
1. **Reflection (not a hyperlink) – Counts as 25% of your grade.**

Answer the following in complete sentences. Each question will require **4-5 sentences**.

* 1. Which survey/quiz results do you think best describe your political beliefs? Explain.
	2. What did you learn about yourself?
	3. What has influenced your beliefs the most? Explain
		1. Family
		2. Media
	4. What did you learn about issues?
1. School – classes or peers
2. Religion or belief about religion