

IDEOLOGY PAPER
PLS 101 AMERICAN NATIONAL GOVERNMENT
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Using the models discussed in class and in the texts, describe your political ideology. Discuss the priorities of your values (Freedom, Order, and Equality). How do you view the purpose of government? Briefly describe the following terms and explain why they do or do not apply to you:

- Totalitarianism
- Socialism
- Capitalism
- Libertarianism
- Anarchism
- Communitarianism
- Conservatism
- Liberalism

Use the IDEALog Web site (<http://idealog.org/idealog.asp?ClassID=371150>) to learn more about these ideologies and to help understand your own. Do you agree or disagree with IDEALog's assessment of your ideology? Explain why.

Based on the results of the 2006 midterm election, how would you describe the current federal government? Do the different branches of government (Executive, Legislative, and Judiciary) differ in their values and/or ideologies?

Your paper should be 2-3 pages double-spaced, and is due on **Monday, January 29**.