Liberal or Conservative?

Directions: For each of the following, use the information in the Liberals vs. Conservatives chart to help you determine which statement reflects the ideas of liberals and which reflects the ideas of conservatives. Then, provide a brief explanation of your response.

1. Taxes should be…
   1. Cut to stimulate the economy and give people more of their money back.

Liberal or Conservative

* 1. Something the rich should pay more of. They can afford it.

Liberal or Conservative

Explanation:

1. Gay marriage…
   1. Should be legal and given the same rights as heterosexual marriage.

Liberal or Conservative

* 1. Should be illegal. Marriage is only between a man and a woman.

Liberal or Conservative

Explanation:

1. Carrying a gun is…
   1. Taking responsibility for one’s own defense.

Liberal or Conservative

* 1. Dangerous and sketchy.

Liberal or Conservative

Explanation:

1. The federal government should play a large role in protecting the American people.
   1. True Liberal or Conservative
   2. False Liberal or Conservative

Explanation:

1. Social Security
   1. Can easily be fixed by making the rich and employers pay more

Liberal or Conservative

* 1. Should be privatized, or replaced by personal accounts

Liberal or Conservative

Explanation:

1. It’s more important for our country
   1. To help the poor and helpless

Liberal or Conservative

* 1. Reduce the deficit and national debt

Liberal or Conservative

Explanation:

1. Everyone has a right to health care, even if they can’t afford it
   1. True Liberal or Conservative
   2. False Liberal or Conservative

Explanation:

1. Abortion should be…
   1. Completely legal and available

Liberal or Conservative

* 1. Restricted, discouraged, or illegal

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Explanation:

1. The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are justified.
   1. True Liberal or Conservative
   2. False Liberal or Conservative

Explanation:

1. The death penalty
   1. Is appropriate in select cases

Liberal or Conservative

* 1. Is a violation of human rights

Liberal or Conservative

Explanation: