

DEBATE: POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES

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Four-way debate: Students are divided into teams of four and assigned to argue for one of the following ideologies: oligarchism, libertarianism, utilitarianism or socialism. They are given one question to consider as they prepare such as, “What role should government play – if any – in efforts to eliminate U.S. poverty?” After presenting their positions, they are encouraged to challenge arguments.