

C11 Where do you stand on these U.S. Political Issues?

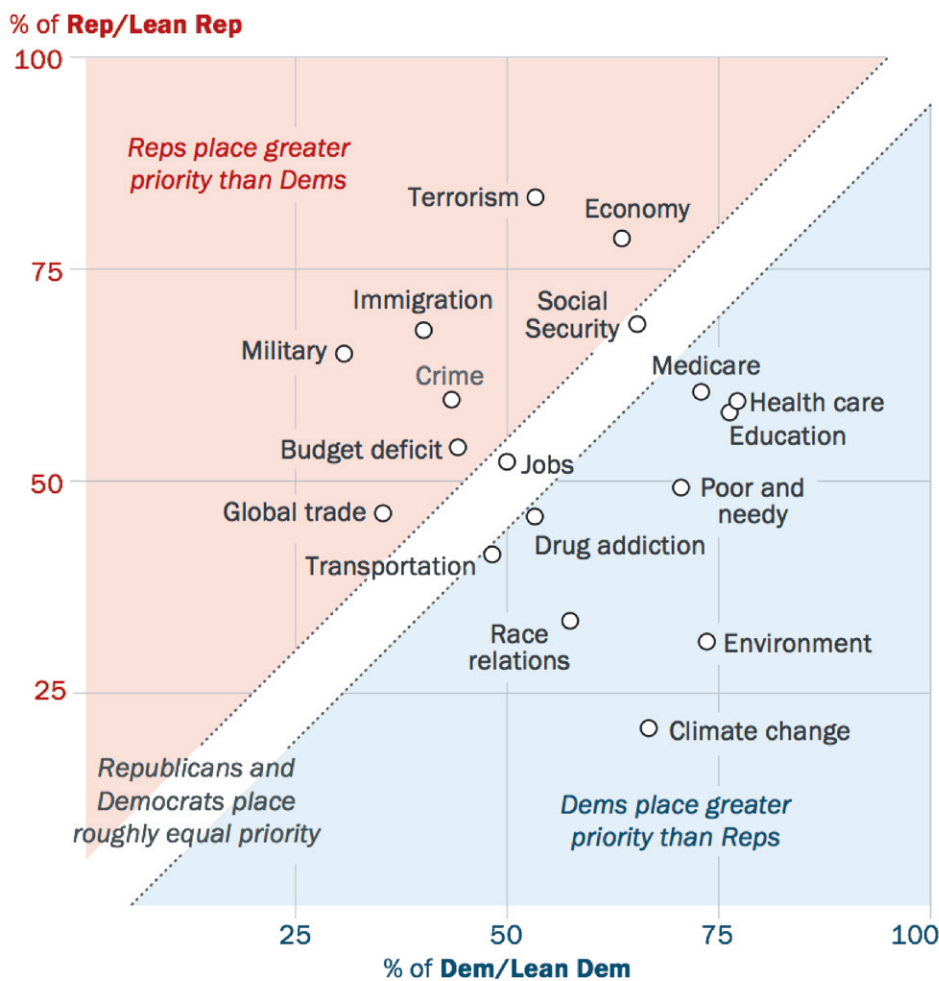


Take a look at the following list of U.S. election issues. Then rank them according to where you would invest your energy if you were in Congress. Some of the issues may be at the same level. 10 should be top priority. Compare your answers with a partner's. Speculate together where the Republican and Democratic parties stand on these issues.

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| Health care | Budget Deficit | Immigration |
| Military | Terrorism | Social Security |
| Jobs | Transportation | Crime |
| Climate | Global Trade | Drug Addiction |
| Change/Environment | Education | |
| Gun Control | Economy | |

Republicans and Democrats differ over key priorities for the president and Congress in 2019

% who say ____ should be a top priority for Trump and Congress this year



Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Jan. 9-14, 2019.

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Source: "Republicans and Democrats have grown further apart on what the nation's top priorities should be" Pew Research Center, Washington, D.C. (5.02.2019) www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2019/02/05/republicans-and-democrats-have-grown-further-apart-on-what-the-nations-top-priorities-should-be/

Tasks

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- ▶ Evaluate how the Republicans and Democrats differ over key priorities.
 - a) Can you note any political tendencies?
 - b) What have the parties got in common?
- ▶ Then compare the results of this survey to your ranking.
- ▶ How far apart are the U.S. political parties?
 - a) Prepare a 5-minute talk on “the major differences in the U.S. political parties.”
 - b) Collect your information by examining the following statistics:

www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2020/02/28/more-americans-see-climate-change-as-a-priority-but-democrats-are-much-more-concerned-than-republicans

www.people-press.org/2019/12/17/views-of-the-major-problems-facing-the-country

www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2019/10/16/share-of-americans-who-favor-stricter-gun-laws-has-increased-since-2017/

<https://assets.pewresearch.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2016/06/06-22-16-Partisanship-and-animosity-release.pdf> (especially page 45)