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Worksheet 3



# Party Principles

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Browse the videos on the project website...

[▶ WHAT ARE YOUR PARTY'S MAIN PRINCIPLES?](#)

...or use the direct link to watch the separate videos:

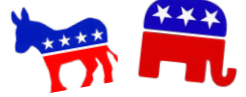
[▶ Junge Liberale \(FDP\)](#)

[▶ Junge Union \(CDU\)](#)

[▶ Junge Grüne \(B90/Die Grünen\)](#)

[▶ SPD](#)

[▶ Junge LINKE](#)



**On the worksheet and in the videos “What does your party’s name stand for?” you have already learned about the name of some political parties in Germany. Let’s have a closer look at their main principles and goals.**

## 1

**Watch 2 or 3 videos “What are your party’s main principles?” and summarize three main principles/goals for three parties of your choice.**

Name of the party:

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Main principle #1

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Main principle #2

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Main principle #3

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## 2

**Which similarities and differences in party programs do you recognize if you compare them to political parties in the U.S.? Compare one of the parties you have analyzed above to a party in your own country. Write at least 5 sentences.**



### 3

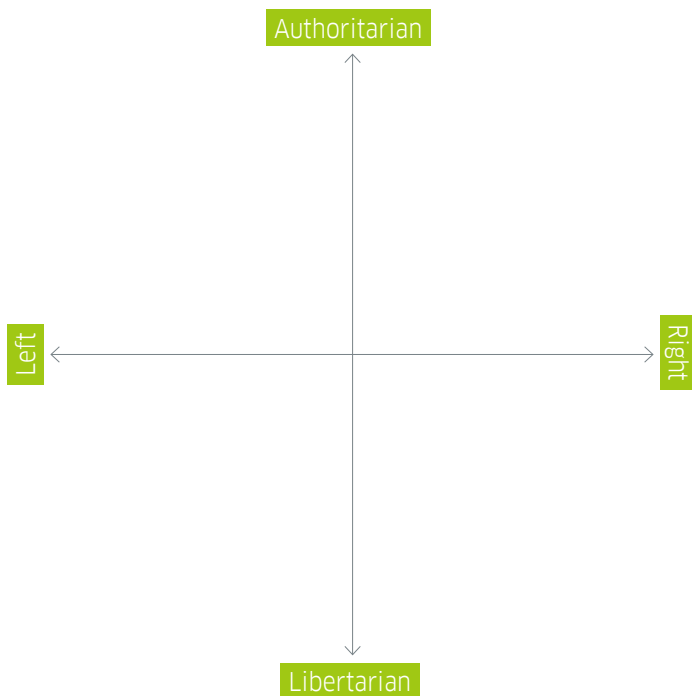
An interesting instrument for comparing parties across the political spectrum and even across countries is “The Political Compass”, which distinguishes not only between the Left and the Right on an economical axis, but also between Authoritarian and Libertarian politics on a social axis.

#### 3a

Go to the [website](#) of “The Political Compass” and watch the introduction [video](#) first.

#### 3b

Now think of the last U.S.-election and guess where the two main candidates were situated on the map of “The Political Compass”. Type the letter **B** for Joe Biden and the letter **T** for Donald Trump in where you see them on the compass.



#### 3c

Check if you guessed correctly by opening “The Political Compass” for the [U.S. elections 2020](#).



#### 3d

Now choose two of the political parties in Germany and try to guess where they are situated on the map of “The Political Compass” and enter them on the map on the left. Use the following letters:

**L** Die Linke    **S** SPD    **G** Bündnis 90/Die Grünen  
**F** FDP    **C** CDU    **Y** CSU    **A** AfD

#### 3e

Check if you guessed correctly by opening “The Political Compass” for the [German elections 2017](#).

3f

How does the political spectrum in Germany compare to the U.S. – based on the findings of “The Political Compass”?  
Try to phrase a general conclusion in 2-3 sentences.

3 Bonus

Interested in where you stand in your political views? Take the **test!**



Website:  
<https://www.politicalcompass.org/test>

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Back to the parties entering the German elections in 2021:

**Have another look at their main principles: Which party would you vote for and why?**



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Find classmates who would vote for the same German party as you would and work together as a team.  
Design a campaign poster, a radio or video ad for your party in English and present it to your class.  
Can you convince them that “your” party is the best and deserves the most votes?