Political Science Writing Assignment

Which political ideology do you most identify with and why?

**Introduction – 5 points**

* Briefly describe the general beliefs of Liberals (left) and Conservatives (right)
* State your thesis – Identify whether you are strong liberal, strong conservative, weak liberal, weak conservative, or moderate based on your ideology assessment and why you think that you are that way.☺

**Three Body Paragraphs – 4 pts. for each paragraph**

* Each paragraph should describe your stance on one of three issues that make you liberal, conservative, etc.
* Choose which issues are most important to you and describe how you feel about them and why.
* Include examples and personal experiences to elaborate.

**Conclusion – 5 points**

* Choose one of the following ways to conclude your essay:
  + Sir Winston Churchill famously said, “If you’re not a liberal at twenty you have no heart. If you’re not a conservative at forty you have no brain.” Write a quality paragraph explaining what Churchill meant by that quotation. Do you agree with him? Why or why not? What evidence do you have to support your argument?
  + Conclude with an impact statement that explains why all of this matters to you and to the country. Consider what you have learned about yourself, about compromise, about balance, about our future, about individual rights, about social issues, about economic issues and where do you feel your political viewpoints have come from (genetics, life experiences, research, other)? Why and how has all of this influenced you and helped you to understand how politics works in the United States?

**Additional Thoughts:**

* Organize your thoughts
* Proofread for spelling and grammar
* Choose your words carefully
* Be professional…that means politically correct and not offensive
* Refer to your political ideology assessment, notes, and you may also refer to the Conservative vs. Liberal handout.