

Student Evaluation of Teaching, Spring 2019
Instructor Added Questions
Timothy Ryan, POLI 100H-001 INTRO TO GOVT IN US

Professor Ryan encourages participation in class discussions from liberals and conservatives alike.

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4.76	17	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	23.53%	76.47%	0.00%

Professor Ryan is interested in learning from people who disagree with him.

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If you like, comment on what you perceived Professor Ryan’s political leanings to be. Does he lean in a liberal direction, or a conservative one? How confident are you of your guess? In what ways (if any) did Professor Ryan’s political views influence the class?

Comments

I honestly have no idea, he did a really good job of showing both sides. I would think that he is liberal simply because I would hope most educated political scientists at unc are, but I truthfully have no idea.

Liberal??? I'm not sure but his lectures were very impartial. He handled politically-charged questions (esp. about the current administration) very well.

You're split but socially liberal. Pretty confident, but you're bored we're not always transparent because you ask questions that change typically liberal ideas too.

I couldn't say. I sometimes thought he was conservative and other times thought he was liberal. He didn't let that interfere with him though.

I definitely believe he leans in a liberal direction, as the class focused on more readings from liberal perspectives than conservative. Additionally, in one of his Twitter posts, he wrote "X-mas" rather than Christmas, so I also received a hint that he was not religious which may point towards liberal views.

I have genuinely no idea. Maybe leans conservative but I don't have any idea. Everything was presented from multiple perspectives and he encouraged critical thinking on all fronts.

I think Professor Ryan makes it very hard to know his political leanings because he does not put down any opinions. Yet I believe he is a moderate who leans liberal. I would be 88% sure on my guess. Of course, there had to be some bias from Professor Ryan but I did not notice it. I think he was able to pick readings that were both liberal and conservative.

I dont know, he was impartial

Professor Ryan is one of the instructors that doesn't express a clear political leaning, which, I think, makes him an excellent Professor, because he respects all kinds of point of views.

I definitely assume that Prof. Ryan is liberal because he is a political science professor at UNC and that is evident by some of his body language or reactions to student comments. But he absolutely does a good job of hiding it and I don't think I would have noticed unless I was trying to. I don't think his views influenced the direction of the class, especially in comparison to other professors I have had at UNC.

He did not voice any political views or leanings