

Conservative and Liberal Discourse

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The use of language affects how it is used in different communities and how the discourses are shown. The conservatives as well as the liberals use certain words and phrases in their communities that can demonstrate their opinions and what they believe in. Analyzing these discourse communities can help us identify how they think and what they support. The topics of immigration, healthcare, and race and society all have different arguments that are given by both communities in which they use different language to express their thoughts.

To start off, a major issue that conservatives and liberals argue about is the general topic of immigration. This topic brings in a lot of families and citizens that are affected by any new changes leading to immigration. The phrases that these two groups use to describe immigrants are “illegal aliens” and “undocumented workers.” The community of conservative people choose to refer to immigrants as “illegal aliens” which is the side that does not support these people. This shows that conservatives deceive that phrase towards those who don't belong here and are from a foreign unknown place. The word “aliens” is used to describe any abnormal creature from outer space that doesn't belong on planet earth, then the word, “illegal” basically describes the people as if they don't belong here or are banned. This is a good comparison to understand why conservative communities refer to immigrants as “illegal aliens.” Conservatives prefer to use this phrase as they are against immigration and don't support people migrating into the country for a better life. On the other hands liberals use the phrase “undocumented workers” this is shown to be used for people who don't have “documents” and are not a citizen in the country. The phrase “undocumented workers” can show that the people who have immigrated have a job no matter their circumstances and are always trying to work hard for their future. Liberals use this phrase as they have more support than conservatives towards the people that are immigrants. I prefer to use the phrase “undocumented workers” since there is a lot of people in our country that are really hard-working people and help our working systems flow although they are undocumented.

Secondly, another big topic that is extremely argued by both the conservative and liberal communities is healthcare. Healthcare in our country can be really helpful for some people while not at all for others, it is somewhat unfair for how we are living today. People all over the world are always fighting for free healthcare while others are trying to stop this from happening. This shows the disagreement between the liberals and the conservatives towards the topic of healthcare. Conservatives are the group of people who would use the phrase “an earned privilege” to describe healthcare. This word shows that it should only be for wealthy people who have privileges. The conservative community would say that only those people who work hard for their privileges and benefits should earn the healthcare that they are provided. On the contrary, liberals use the phrase “a human right” to show what healthcare means to them and how it is described. This phrase describes that everyone's health is important and essential at all times. As the word human rights describes it, it is used for everybody. With healthcare, liberals believe that money and benign wealth does not matter and that everyone should have the right to free or healthcare at all times. Additionally, liberals believe healthcare is something that everyone should have and not be based on whether you are wealthy or not. In my opinion using the phrase “a human right” is better and it is the phrase that I prefer to use. I believe that having healthcare overall is important to everyone as staying healthy and fighting any sickness is important for everyone, not just certain people.

Lastly, a topic that involves both the conservative and liberal groups is that of race and society. Race and society is a big subject and problem for the whole world and we are being affected by it every day, there have been many incidents where race has been the main problem. This brings in a lot of problems of racism throughout all communities and groups of people and having a bad opinion of other races is disrespectful and not fair for other people. For conservative groups they use the phrase “all lives matter” while liberals use the phrase “Black lives matter.” For conservatives, the phrase “all lives matter” shows that they don't really care about certain people and that they should be included in everything as well as others. They believe that their rights are superior and should be

equal to the people who are being downgraded from them. Conservatives never want to be left behind or held lower than other groups of people with the use of that phrase where they include themselves in it. "All lives matter" is a phrase that conservatives use by not supporting the phrase liberals use which is "Black lives matter." For liberals "black lives matter" is a movement and phrase that they use since there have been a lot of racist incidents towards black people. People in that community and even other races are willing to tell others about it and support it at all times, not minding if they are not included in that support. This shows that they are humble and they care about the rights of other people with the use of the phrase "Black lives matter." Liberals are shown to support all races and help out black lives at all times. I prefer to use the term "black lives matter" because keeping other people who need more support at the top and teaching others what it means to not be selfish to themselves is important. The phrase "All lives matter" shows that there are selfish people who care about themselves only and not others, this is to show that we should care about others as well.

In conclusion, there are a lot of main subjects that are strongly disagreed and argued between the conservative and liberal groups. Having different opinions is important and beneficial for our society as everyone gets to be heard but the analysis of the discourses has brought many problems to our communities. Immigration, healthcare and race and society are topics that are important to both of these communities and having different phrases that are used in those groups are used to see what they believe in and how they are analyzed as a whole.