

MAKE MODERATES MATTER

What does it mean to be a “political moderate”?

There is no single definition of the term “political moderate.” In fact, some commentators believe there are at least three different types of political moderates.

- (1) *The indifferent moderate.* One type of moderate may be indifferent to politics with no strong opinions on issues.
- (2) *The wishy washy moderate.* A second type of moderate may hold such a range of opinions as to lack any real ideology. In a word, these moderates are seen as “wishy washy” or “flip-flopping” on the issues.
- (3) *The true moderate ideology.* But it’s the third type of moderate that will be the focus of this website. As used here, the term “political moderate” refers to a voter with a certain ideology. These voters:
 - reject extremism and hold centrist positions, advocating for a balance between progressive and conservative policies;
 - are willing to compromise to find common ground between the polarized extremes of the political spectrum;
 - may be registered independents, but don’t have to be;
 - believe in democracy, the constitution and the rule of law;
 - want to work together respectfully with people of different viewpoints to reach sensible, pragmatic solutions to problems;
 - want to base decisions on proven facts and science and not on political rhetoric and conspiracy theories; and
 - want political leaders to act ethically and with integrity.

I will have more to say about political moderates, their values and the positions they hold on specific policy issues, as this website is developed.