

Examining How Political Beliefs Influence Economic Decisions Answer Key

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Review the [cartoon](#) on slide 2 of the "Political Beliefs and the Federal Budget" PowerPoint and then answer the questions.

1. Who do the elephant and the donkey represent?

The elephant represents the Republican Party, and the donkey represents the Democratic Party.

2. Who are the onlookers? What do they seem to saying?

The female describes the action as "The Dance of Democracy!," but the male disagrees. He appears to be dressed as a professional wrestler, and his comment indicates that he believes that the "dancers" are actually fighting. Note: Teachers may need to explain to students that Fred Astaire was a famous dancer.

3. What point is this artist making about the political parties in the United States?

Answers will vary, but should indicate that part of the "dance of democracy" is the struggle between groups with different political ideologies.

4. Do you believe the general public would agree or disagree with the artist's opinion?

Answers will vary, but most will probably agree.