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A new [policy analysis from the Cato Institute](#) estimates that roughly 14% of American voters can be classified as libertarian, with 'libertarian' defined as "socially liberal and fiscally conservative."

We find that 14 percent of American voters can be classified as libertarian. Other surveys find a larger number of people who hold views that are neither consistently liberal nor conservative but are best described as libertarian. A 2009 Gallup poll found that 23 percent held libertarian views. A Zogby poll found that 59 percent considered themselves "fiscally conservative and socially liberal," and 44 percent agreed that they were "fiscally conservative and socially liberal, also known as libertarian."

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