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OBAMA FAREWELL/TRUMP STATE OF THE UNION QUESTIONS (20 points)

Liberals believe in government action to achieve equal opportunity and equality for all. It is the duty of the government to alleviate social ills and to protect civil liberties and individual and human rights. Believe the role of the government should be to guarantee that no one is in need. Liberal policies generally emphasize the need for the government to solve problems.

Conservatives believe in personal responsibility, limited government, free markets, individual liberty, traditional American values and a strong national defense. Believe the role of government should be to provide people the freedom necessary to pursue their own goals. Conservative policies generally emphasize empowerment of the individual to solve problems.

1. What words would you use to describe President Obama and his Farewell Address?
2. In terms of style, tone, policy content, and values, what aspects of Obama's Farewell Address offer evidence that he is indeed a liberal, as described by the definition above? (Offer specific examples)
3. What words would you use to describe President Trump's State of the Union?
4. In terms of style, tone, policy content, and values, what aspects of Trump's State of the Union offer evidence that he is indeed a conservative, as described by the definition above? (Offer specific examples)
5. What impressed (or frustrated) you the most in **EACH** of these speeches? Explain.

OBAMA/TRUMP T-CHART

Directions: While listening to the speeches from President Obama and President Trump, jot down as many likes, dislikes, observations, quotes, and questions as possible.

Try to fill the t-chart below (10 points):

OBAMA

TRUMP

