

POLITICAL ATTITUDE/IDEOLOGY SELF EVALUATION

DIRECTIONS: CIRCLE THE POINT TOTAL FOR THE RESPONSE THAT MOST ACCURATELY DESCRIBES YOUR OPINION FOR EACH QUESTION IN THE TWO CATEGORIES. THEN ADD THE TOTAL FOR EACH CATEGORY WHERE INDICATED. THEN PLOT YOUR SCORES ON THE GRAPH PAPER TO DETERMINE YOUR IDEOLOGY.

SOCIAL, MORAL, AND PERSONAL FREEDOM ISSUES

1) Abortion should be

10- legal upon demand

6.7- legal, with few restrictions

3.3- illegal, except for life-threatening situations

0- legal in all cases

2) The exclusionary rule regarding arrests, searches, and interrogations should

10- be strictly enforced by courts to uphold the spirit and meaning of the Fourth Amendment

6.7- be enforced, except for paperwork, clerical, or other minor and harmless errors that might occur

3.3- allow for "good faith" exceptions upon justifiable proof presented

0- should be eliminated, it is not called for in the Constitution and jeopardizes efficient law enforcement

3) Homosexuals should

10- be afforded the equal prosecution of the laws in all cases

6.7- be afforded the same prosecution and classification in laws as that of women

3.3- be afforded the equal prosecution of the laws only by majority approval in Congress and states legislatures

0- not be afforded any special prosecution preferential treatment, it is a moral disorder and corrupts society.

4) The content and demeanor of programs appearing on network TV and/or cable should

10- not be regulated in any way because it amounts to censorship on the part of government

6.7- not be regulated by government, but government should encourage concerned individuals to pressure networks and advertisers to control content

3.3- be regulated through licensing standards to eliminate unnecessary sex, violence, and profanity

0- should be heavily regulated as to their content and have their licenses revoked for violations of proper content

5) Hate groups like the Neo-Nazis, skinheads, and the KKK should

10- be allowed the same freedom and prosecution in their demonstrations and protests as other groups

6.7- be allowed to express themselves, but their content and demeanor should be carefully scrutinized

3.3- be required to register with the government as to their size, objectives, and specific protest manner

0- not to be allowed to protest or demonstrate freely as their message is hatred, violent, and unnecessary

6) With respect to drugs and narcotics

10- drugs should be legalized and regulated by the market as we waste billions of dollars needlessly attempting to control people's behavior

6.7- individual use of drugs should be decriminalized, but major drug offenses (e.g. pushing and manufacturing for widespread sale) should remain illegal

3.3- the government should maintain and even increase its current efforts to eradicate their illegal use, including the death penalty for major traffickers and mandatory sentencing for repeat offenders

0- drug dealers and users must face mandatory punishments, including fines, imprisonment, and the death penalty, for contributing to the demand that makes the drug trade profitable

7) "English only" or English-as-an-official language in public schools

10- is a discriminatory and unconstitutional policy that should continue to be resisted

6.7- should not be enacted into law; students should have the option to learn in their native language as well as encouraged to learn English.

3.3- should be stressed and emphasized in public schools; proficiency in the English language should be a requirement for graduation.

0- should be required by state and federal law in order to improve academic standards and establish a common ground for communication

8) Promoting equality of opportunity, the government should

10- require affirmative action or other mandatory preferential treatment programs to make up for the discriminatory practices of the past and present

6.7- promote and provide incentives for those private business who practice affirmative action or other preferential treatment programs in their hiring and business practices

3.3- encourage and talk about equality of opportunity, even recognize those businesses that voluntarily engage in affirmative action, but should remain neutral as to any specific policies in this matter

0- reject any efforts to replace the equal rights of all with quotas or other forms of preferential treatment

9) Regarding the public funding of the arts

10- the government should foster, encourage, and promote artistic expression of all kinds through its grants

6.7- the government should continue funding, but limit funding of art that is obscene, profane, and lewd

3.3- the government should reduce the amount of funding and prohibit the funding of work that has no redeeming value

0- the government should not be in the business of supporting or funding artistic expression

10) With respect to immigration

10- the government should encourage and promote immigrants from all cultures as in contributes to our diversity as a wealthy, powerful, and free nation

6.7- immigration should encourage within reason and the government should not enact policies that antagonize foreign countries or cultures who may wish to come here

3.3- the government's quota policies should be energetically enforced and diplomatic efforts made to keep undesirables out

0- the government should increase its strict quota policies and do everything possible to stop the ride of illegal immigration, and ban, if necessary, certain cultures

Government and Economic issues

1) The government's budget

- 10- should be balanced, but not at the expense of the entitlement programs already promised to millions
- 6.7- should be balanced, but all programs and people should be made to sacrifice their fair share
- 3.3- should be balanced through the elimination of social spending programs and federal agencies that could be turned over the states
- 0- should be balanced through a constitutional amendment and the elimination of programs and agencies deemed unnecessary should take place immediately

2) Farmers in the United States

- 10- need to be protected by the government in the form of subsidies and other control measures so they can compete and obtain fair prices for their produce
- 6.7- should be encouraged by government to compete through government incentives and government enacted trade agreements with foreign countries
- 3.3- should be encouraged to compete but not to the extent of limiting production through subsidies and other control measures as it makes farmers too dependent on the government for their livelihood
- 0- should not be limited by government in production or competition and should be allowed to produce whatever and as much as they like in the free market

3) Social Security

- 10- must not be tampered with and every effort made to fulfill the government's obligation to retired persons, the system should remain solvent through every means possible by the government
- 6.7- should be maintained, but payments made should be based on need, not on demand
- 3.3- needs to be reformed as a system for current enrollees. but ^a~~not~~ new system should be developed for future generations that optional and has a variety of retirement features to choose from
- 0- should be gradually phased out and replaced with individual retirement accounts in the private sector

4) Minimum wage laws

- 10- need to be raised periodically to improve the standard of living for working class Americans
- 6.7- need to be raised only when there are periods of high inflation
- 3.3- should not be guaranteed by law, but by the quality of work and productivity exhibited on the job
- 0- should be eliminated as it causes prices to increase and/or eliminates jobs, wages should be determined by the marketplace

5) Generally speaking government involvement in the economy

- 10- should be active and energetic to promote the creation of jobs in our ever-changing and uncertain economy
- 6.7- should be as an active partner with the private sector to create the best type of economic environment
- 3.3- should be limited to tax incentives to private industry who encourage economic growth
- 0- should be minimal, at best

6) The current tax system

10- needs to be examined and reformed so that the wealthy pay their fair share

6.7- is in need of only slight revision as it is a fair and sound way to raise revenue

3.3- discourages economic growth because of the tremendous burdens placed on business and industry, it needs to be reformed

0- needs to be eliminated and replaced with an alternative and simpler method (e.g. a flat tax)

7) Health care coverage

10- should be guaranteed to all and required by law for all employers

6.7- should be provided by employers of over 20 people, some system needs to be in place for those who cannot be adequately covered through the private sector

3.3- should remain privatized and the government should only cover those with extreme or catastrophic conditions

0- is an individual decision to be made voluntarily by employers and workers

8) Leave from work for family or personal reasons

10- should be guaranteed by law for up to 12 weeks, without pay, to eliminate the fear of losing one's job because of illness, emergencies, or other unexpected situations that arise from time to time

6.7- should be granted upon request by employees without fear of reprisal

3.3- should not be legislated, but encouraged by the government through tax incentives to employers

0- is a private matter between employer and employee

9) Defense spending

10- is adequate at the present time, but should be limited in peace time with cuts going towards the maintenance of needed social programs

6.7- is adequate at the present time, any cuts should be invested into the economy in the form of tax breaks

3.3- needs to be increased so that our economic position in the world is never jeopardized

0- needs to be increased; it is only through the assurance of security that our economy can truly flourish

10) Regulatory agencies (e.g. OSHA, EPA, FDA)

10- need to be maintained at an optimal level in order to maintain and preserve a clean and safe environment and workplace

6.7- need to be sensitive to the demands they put on business and industry and maintain balance between economic and environmental concerns

3.3- need to be reduced in the amount of rules and regulations enacted as they tend to discourage economic growth

0- need to be eliminated, the best type of regulations in the marketplace is self-regulation, agencies and their regulations cost jobs and drive the prices of products too high

