

ACTIVITY 1.1: WHERE ARE YOU ON THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM?

This is not a test. This questionnaire will indicate, in general terms, whether you fall on the left, right or centre of the political spectrum.

As honestly as you can, indicate whether you **Strongly Agree (SA)**, **Agree (A)**, **Disagree (D)** or **Strongly Disagree (SD)** in the box next to the statement.

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| 1. The death penalty is wrong and should not be allowed under any circumstances. | |
| 2. The government should use tax money to help pay for the cost of daycare for all parents. | |
| 3. Presidents and CEOs of big companies that pollute our air and water should be fined and held personally responsible. | |
| 4. The government should welcome any person who wants to immigrate to Canada. | |
| 5. Canada's Indigenous peoples should be given the land they were promised in treaties signed with governments. | |
| 6. If a factory is polluting the air and water, the government should close it down, even if it means workers would lose their jobs. | |
| 7. The government should spend less money on our armed forces. | |
| 8. Laws should be passed and enforced to ensure that women receive the same pay as men when they do work of equal value. | |
| 9. The United States should not be allowed to test weapons in Canada, even if this means that some Canadian workers would lose their jobs. | |
| 10. High school students should be allowed to take any course they want; there should be no compulsory subjects. | |
| 11. If a person is poor, the government should support them by providing adequate financial aid. | |
| 12. The government should control the amount of rent that a landlord can charge tenants. | |
| 13. The tax laws should be changed to make rich people and big companies pay more than those who are less wealthy. | |
| 14. The government should provide financial support to parents to allow them to stay at home after they have had a baby. | |
| 15. Change is more important than tradition in our society. | |
| 16. No person or government should be allowed to censor any book, movie or piece of music. | |
| 17. Artists, writers and musicians are more important in society than business executives. | |
| 18. Going on strike is a justifiable way of communicating strong dissatisfaction in the workplace. | |
| 19. The government should give more money to universities and community colleges in order to keep student fees low, even if this means raising taxes. | |
| 20. Canada should give financial aid to poorer countries. | |

SCORING SHEET: WHERE ARE YOU ON THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM?

Write down the number of responses in each category, then multiply each by the number indicated below and calculate your total.

Number of **Strongly Agree** _____ x 5 = _____

Number of **Agree** _____ x 3 = _____

Number of **Disagree** _____ x 2 = _____

Number of **Strongly Disagree** _____ x 0 = _____

TOTAL: _____

Indicate where you think you fit on the political spectrum:

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| 100 | 75 | 50 | 25 | 0 |
| Left Wing | Moderate Left Wing | Centre | Moderate Right Wing | Right Wing |