

Ideology Survey

Instructions: For each statement, fill in one circle according to the following scheme. Next, rate how important the issue is to you and put that number in the “intensity” column. Then multiply the corresponding number under “Your Response” by the number in the “Intensity” column and then put the corresponding number of points in the appropriate column for whether or not the question is an odd number or even number question.

<p>SA: Strongly Agree – 2 pts A: Agree – 1 pts N: Neutral/No Opinion – 0 pts. D: Disagree – -1 pts. SD: Strongly Disagree – -2 pt.</p>	<p>How important is this issue to you? 3 – I care deeply about this issue 2 – I care, but don’t feel strongly 1 – This issue isn’t very important to me</p>
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Statement	Your Response	Intensity on this issue	Score – Odd #’s	Score – Even #’s
1. Individuals do not need guns for protection since it is the role of local and federal government to protect the people through law enforcement agencies and the military. Additional gun control laws are necessary to stop gun violence and limit the ability of criminals to obtain guns.	<input type="radio"/> SA <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/> D <input type="radio"/> SD			
2. Lower taxes create more incentives for people to work, save, invest, and engage in entrepreneurial endeavors. Money is best spent by those who earn it, not the government.	<input type="radio"/> SA <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/> D <input type="radio"/> SD			
3. Future suspected foreign terrorists should be given due process in American civilian courts of law rather than in military tribunals. And enemy combatants captured and now held at Guantanamo Bay should be moved to American prisons and the facility there closed.	<input type="radio"/> SA <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/> D <input type="radio"/> SD			
4. Our nation’s borders must be secured against future illegal immigration before those immigrants who have entered the U.S. illegally are put on a path to citizenship.	<input type="radio"/> SA <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/> D <input type="radio"/> SD			
5. Since diversity is an important American value, colleges and employers should encourage greater diversity by sometimes giving preferences to under-represented minorities in admitting students or hiring new employees.	<input type="radio"/> SA <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/> D <input type="radio"/> SD			
6. Abortions after 20 weeks should be banned except in cases of rape and incest that are reported to authorities or threats to the life of the mother.	<input type="radio"/> SA <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/> D <input type="radio"/> SD			

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7. Good diplomacy is the best way to deal with terrorism and other threats to our security. Relying on military force to defeat terrorists and other enemies creates hatred that leads to more terrorism.	<input type="radio"/> SA <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/> D <input type="radio"/> SD			
8. A business that provides wedding services, such as catering, photography, or flowers, should be allowed to refuse those services to same-sex couples if they feel that it would violate deeply-held religious beliefs.	<input type="radio"/> SA <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/> D <input type="radio"/> SD			
9. Poor people have hard lives because government benefits don't go far enough to help them live decently. The federal government needs to do more to help the needy in order to bring fairness to American economic life.	<input type="radio"/> SA <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/> D <input type="radio"/> SD			
10. Oil, gas and coal are all good sources of energy and are abundant in the U.S. Oil and natural gas drilling should be increased both on land and at sea. Increased domestic production creates lower prices and less dependence on other countries for energy.	<input type="radio"/> SA <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/> D <input type="radio"/> SD			
11. Business corporations today make too much profit and should be subject to higher levels of taxation.	<input type="radio"/> SA <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/> D <input type="radio"/> SD			
12. The United States is a country where anyone, regardless of their background, can work hard, succeed and live a middle-class life.	<input type="radio"/> SA <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/> D <input type="radio"/> SD			
Totals				

1. Give yourself the correct number of points for each position you took, multiply that number by your intensity number, and put that number in the appropriate column for odd-numbered and even-numbered statements.
2. Then total each column.
3. Subtract the left hand column total (odd numbers) from the right hand column total (even numbers). Remember those pesky rules about adding and subtracting negative numbers.
4. Write that number here _____. This is your number on the ideology spectrum. The lowest possible number you can get is -72 and the highest possible number is 72.