

Directions:

- 1) Complete the survey by responding to each prompt. Circle the number corresponding with your opinion from “Strongly Disagree” (1) to “Strongly Agree” (5).
- 2) Add together the results of your choices for numbers:
1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 16, 17
- 3) From your resulting value from step 2) above, subtract the results of your choices for numbers:
3, 5, 7, 10, 12, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20
- 4) Determine your political leaning based on the following scale on the page following the survey.

Political Parties & Influencing Government

Unit 4B

Political Spectrum Survey

Chapter 9.1

Below are a number of statements. Based on YOUR opinion, rate the degree to which you Agree or Disagree and record your answer by circling the corresponding number.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	
1. The death penalty violates the eighth amendment's rule against cruel and unusual punishment	1	2	3	4	5	+
2. The government should spend more money on education and welfare and less on the military.	1	2	3	4	5	+
3. Problems, such as crime and poverty, could be reduced if America returned to traditional values of hard work and a belief in God.	1	2	3	4	5	-
4. Taxes should be used to redistribute income by taking from the wealthy and giving to the poor.	1	2	3	4	5	+
5. America's high crime rate is due to courts being too lenient on criminals.	1	2	3	4	5	-
6. The government does not do enough to help minorities and low-income families with education or employment.	1	2	3	4	5	+
7. Welfare benefits should be decreased to encourage more people to try to find a job.	1	2	3	4	5	-
8. The government should provide more aid to poverty stricken countries.	1	2	3	4	5	+
9. Stricter gun control laws would reduce crime.	1	2	3	4	5	+
10. The federal government does too much; its role should be smaller.	1	2	3	4	5	-
11. Laws about safe and legal abortions should be protected.	1	2	3	4	5	+
12. Government should censor entertainment that conflicts with traditional American morals and values.	1	2	3	4	5	-
13. Government should create programs that will reduce America's large number of poor people.	1	2	3	4	5	+
14. Homosexuals do not deserve marriage rights as everyone else.	1	2	3	4	5	-
15. The government places too many restrictions on how businesses operate.	1	2	3	4	5	-
16. The federal government should provide national health insurance for all citizens.	1	2	3	4	5	+
17. There should be more environmental protection laws.	1	2	3	4	5	+
18. It should not be your constitutional right to burn the American flag.	1	2	3	4	5	-
19. Less tax money should be spent on the arts, such as museums and cultural festivals.	1	2	3	4	5	-
20. During a time of crisis the government should be able to restrict your constitutional rights.	1	2	3	4	5	-
Total						
Result:						

Political Ideology Scale

-40 to -35	=	Reactionary Conservative
-35 to -20	=	Conservative
-20 to 0	=	Moderately Conservative
0	=	Moderate
0 to 20	=	Moderately Liberal
20 to 35	=	Liberal
35 to 40	=	Radical Liberal