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Period: _____

Political Issues Survey

Next to each statement, write the number that best describes how you feel about that statement. Answer as honestly as possible. Your responses will determine where you fall along a political spectrum.

- 4 = Completely agree
- 3 = Somewhat agree
- 2 = Agree or disagree, depending on the situation
- 1 = Somewhat disagree
- 0 = Completely disagree

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| <input type="checkbox"/> The government should promote business interests over environmental interests. | <input type="checkbox"/> The government should allow businesses to set their own minimum wage. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> It is not the government's role to regulate businesses. | <input type="checkbox"/> A person should not have to pay higher taxes for making more money than another person. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage should be defined only as the union of one man and one woman. | <input type="checkbox"/> It is not the government's responsibility to protect the rights of minority groups whose beliefs conflict with the majority's views. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Providing social welfare programs—such as Medicare, the National School Lunch Program, and Temporary Aid to Needy Families—is not the responsibility of the federal government. | <input type="checkbox"/> Judges should apply mandatory minimum sentences for serious crimes. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> It is appropriate for the government to make laws based on moral beliefs. | <input type="checkbox"/> Capital punishment should be an option for convicts of the most serious crimes. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State governments—rather than the federal government—should make laws for their citizens, such as setting speed limits. | <input type="checkbox"/> The United States should build fences around the U.S. border to prevent illegal immigration. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The government should not restrict the ownership of guns by law-abiding citizens. | <input type="checkbox"/> Convicted prisoners should not be allowed to vote while in prison. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abortion should be illegal no matter the circumstances. | <input type="checkbox"/> The United States should use force to overthrow unfriendly foreign governments that directly threaten U.S. interests. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary prayer should be allowed in public schools. | <input type="checkbox"/> The United States needs to act in its own national interest, regardless of the opinion of organizations like the United Nations. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The current level of defense spending should be increased. | |

Total score: _____

Mark the spectrum below according to your total score.



