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Ideology Survey

An ideology is a set of values that helps an individual align with a particular group's political platform. The United States has a two-party system that is dominated by Republicans (more conservative) and Democrats (more liberal). Take this test to determine whether you are more conservative or liberal. After reading each statement, mark whether you agree or disagree.

1. The government should decrease funding for military spending.

- Yes, I agree with this statement.
 No, I disagree with this statement.

2. Religious references to God should be removed from money, government establishments, courthouses, and national monuments.

- Yes, I agree with this statement.
 No, I disagree with this statement.

3. The military should allow women to serve in combat roles.

- Yes, I agree with this statement.
 No, I disagree with this statement.

4. The government should increase environmental regulations to prevent global warming.

- Yes, I agree with this statement.
 No, I disagree with this statement.

5. The United States should require labeling of genetically engineered foods.

- Yes, I agree with this statement.
 No, I disagree with this statement.

6. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) is the way healthcare should be in the United States.

- Yes, I agree with this statement.
 No, I disagree with this statement.

7. The minimum wage should be raised by the federal government.

- Yes, I agree with this statement.
 No, I disagree with this statement.

8. Employers should be required to pay men and women, who perform the same work, the same salary.

- Yes, I agree with this statement.
 No, I disagree with this statement.

9. The U.S. should increase foreign aid spending.

- Yes, I agree with this statement.
 No, I disagree with this statement.

10. Members of Congress should NOT have a set number of term limits.

- Yes, I agree with this statement.
 No, I disagree with this statement.



11. **An independent, non-partisan commission should NOT control the redrawing of Congressional districts.**

- _____ Yes, I agree with this statement.
- _____ No, I disagree with this statement.

12. **The government should fund space travel.**

- _____ Yes, I agree with this statement.
- _____ No, I disagree with this statement.

13. **The government has a duty to reduce the number of indigent (poor) Americans through the creation of helpful programs.**

- _____ Yes, I agree with this statement.
- _____ No, I disagree with this statement.

Count the number of *Yes, I agree* answers and the number of *No, I disagree* answers.

If you have more *Yes, I agree* answers, you may be more liberally minded and may vote for more Democratic candidates. **Liberals** believe that government intervention is needed in order to provide equal opportunities as well as equality. The government should rectify social shortcomings deficiencies and protect human rights. Liberal policies generally emphasize the need for the government to solve problems.

If you have more *No, I disagree* answers, you may be more conservatively minded and may vote for more Republican candidates. **Conservatives** believe in personal responsibility and limited government. A free market system and maintaining a strong national defense are two important political staples of conservatives. Conservatives emphasize the power of the individual rather than the government to solve problems.