

Are you a liberal or a conservative? Consider each of the statements below. Circle the number after each statement that best represents your position. After you have completed all the statements, add up all the circled numbers to determine your “score” and plot it on the spectrum.

5 = strongly agree; 4 = agree somewhat; 3 = undecided; 2 = disagree somewhat; 1 = strongly disagree

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| 1. Abortion should be illegal.   | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 2. There should be tighter controls on illegal immigration in America.                               | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 3. The words “under God” should remain in the Pledge of Allegiance.                                  | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 4. The federal government should not interfere with handgun sales.                                   | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 5. Marriage should be legally defined as being between a man and a woman.                            | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 6. No Child Left Behind has created accountability that has improved education in America.           | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 7. Health care should be left to individuals and insurance, not the federal government.              | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 8. The government should reduce taxes by cutting spending on programs.                               | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 9. A balanced federal budget is more important than having lots of government services.              | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 10. The government shouldn’t put regulations on business because it stifles the economy.             | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 11. Environmental restrictions on industry are unfair and unnecessary.                               | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 12. The US no longer needs laws that guarantee equal opportunity for all groups.                     | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 13. The US was right to be involved in Iraq and should continue the war there.                       | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 14. Workers should be allowed to put some of their Social Security money in private investments.     | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 15. Businesses should be taxed less because their profits trickle back into the economy.             | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 16. The death penalty should be used more frequently to deter violent crime.                         | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 17. Violence and sex in movies, music, and television are destroying family values in America.       | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 18. Military spending should be increased to protect US interests around the world.                  | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 19. Military strength, rather than diplomacy, should be stressed in international politics.          | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 20. The Patriot Act is needed to protect the security of America, even if it restricts a few rights. | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |

A. Add up all your circled numbers. Total = \_\_\_\_\_

B. Plot your score along the spectrum below:



