

Worksheet 4.1: Where Are You on the Political Spectrum?

This is not a test. This questionnaire will indicate to you, in general terms, whether you fall on the left, right or centre of the political spectrum.

Reflect on each statement as honestly as you can and indicate whether you Strongly Agree (SA), Agree (A), Disagree (D) or Strongly Disagree (SD) in the box next to the statement.

1. The death penalty is wrong and should not be allowed under any circumstance.	
2. The government should use tax money to provide free day care for all parents.	
3. Presidents and CEOs of big companies that pollute our air and water should be fined and held personally accountable.	
4. Canada should welcome any immigrant who wants to enter the country.	
5. Canada's aboriginal population should be given the land they were promised in treaties signed with the government.	
6. If a factory is polluting the air and water, the government should close it down, even if it means that its workers would lose their jobs.	
7. Government should spend less money on our armed forces.	
8. Laws should be passed and enforced to ensure that women receive the same pay as men when they do work of equal value.	
9. The United States should not be allowed to test weapons in Canada, even if this means that some workers would lose their jobs.	
10. High school students should be allowed to take any course they want; there should be no compulsory subjects.	
11. If a person is poor, it is not his or her fault; the government should help such people by providing adequate financial aid.	
12. The government should control the amount of rent that a landlord can charge tenants.	
13. The tax laws should be changed to make rich people and big companies pay more than they do today.	
14. The government should provide a mother with enough money to allow her to stay at home longer after she has a baby.	
15. A woman who has decided that she wants to have an abortion should be allowed to do so without having to get anyone else's permission.	
16. No person or government should be allowed to censor any book, movie or piece of music.	
17. Artists, writers and musicians are more important to society than business executives.	
18. Workers who go on strike do it for good reasons and deserve to have public support.	
19. The government should give more money to universities and community colleges in order to keep student fees low, even if this means raising taxes.	
20. Canada should give more financial aid to poorer countries.	

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Write down the number of responses in each category, then multiply each by the number indicated below and calculate your total.

Number of "Strongly Agree" _____ x 5 = _____

Number of "Agree" _____ x 3 = _____

Number of "Disagree" _____ x 2 = _____

Number of "Strongly Disagree" _____ x 0 = _____

TOTAL: _____

Indicate where you are on the political spectrum:

100	75	50	25	0
Left Wing	Moderate Left Wing	Centre	Moderate Right Wing	Right Wing