**Pinpoint Yourself, Politically**

This is an updated (by me) version of a political quiz first published back in 1996 that helps you place yourself on the political spectrum thanks to a series of questions. Answer on a separate sheet of paper. If you don’t know leave the question blank.

  

Dennis Kucinch Barbara Boxer Barack Obama Hillary Clinton Schwarzenegger Donald Trump Sarah Palin Rush Limbaugh Dick Cheney

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1. Which of the following would you prefer?
2. An activist government that can provide more services even if it means higher taxes
3. A smaller, less activist government that provides fewer services, but taxes less.
4. Which national legislation would you support? (Check all that apply)
5. Allow voluntary prayer in school
6. Ban the sale of handguns other than to the military and police
7. Ban flag burning
8. Enact term limits for US congress

3. If each of these authors had a new novel in stores whose would you read?

a. Dan Brown (DaVinci Code)

b. Michael Crichton (Jurassic Park)

4. Which TV show would you watch?

1. Blackish b. The Simpsons

5. Which former president is more aligned with your views?

1. Donald Trump b. Hillary Clinton

6. Would you prefer a flat tax, in which all income is taxed at the same rate and tax forms are simpler, or a graduated tax, in which higher incomes are taxed at a higher rate and lower incomes at a lower rate?

1. Flat Tax b. Graduated Tax

7. Should companies be encouraged through government policies, such as tax breaks, to lay off fewer workers, even if it means lower corporate taxes?

1. Yes b. No

8. If you saw a child watching a gay couple being romantic on television would you change the channel? a. Yes b. No

9. What should be the primary goal of US foreign policy?

1. To promote democracy and human rights around the world
2. To serve US national interests and security

10. Do you object to religious displays, such as nativity scenes at Christmas on government property?

1. Yes b. No

11. Who should have the greater voice in deciding what books children read in school?

1. Teachers b. Parents

12. Should tests for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, be mandatory for professional athletes in contact sports?

1. Yes b. No

13. Do you support a monetary voucher system that would allow parents to send their children to the public or private school of their choice?

1. Yes b. No

14. Whom would you prefer to lunch with?

1. Duane Johnson b. Brad Pitt

15. Which level of government is better able to administer key welfare programs such as Medicaid?

1. Federal (national) b. State

16. Should voter ballots and driver’s license tests be available only in English?

1. Yes b. No

17. Should you be allowed to carry a concealed handgun to protect yourself?

1. Yes b. No

18. Which of the following ‘welfare reform’ provisions would you support? (check all that apply)

1. A two-year cutoff for welfare recipients who do not find jobs.
2. Job training/placement for welfare recipients.
3. No additional benefits for welfare recipients with more than two children.
4. Childcare so welfare recipients with young children can take jobs.

19. Which of the following would you support in an effort to cut the US deficit?

1. Cut the growth of Medicare and Medicaid benefits.
2. Cut loans to college students.
3. Eliminate subsidies to the arts.
4. Cut defense spending.

20. Should illegal immigrants be eligible for welfare benefits for their children?

1. Yes b. No

21. Do you approve of the policy of “Three strikes you’re out,” whereby anyone convicted of three felonies would be sent to prison for life without parole?

1. Yes b. No

22. Which closer to your opinion?

1. I support the Endangered Species Act because it protects habitat systems.
2. I oppose the Endangered Species Act because it threatens timber jobs and impinges on private property rights.

23. Should the minimum wage be raised?

1. Yes b. No

24. Should high schools distribute condoms to students?

1. Yes b. No

25. Should sports teams whose mascots offend minorities switch to more innocuous figures?

1. Yes b. No

26. Do you support the death penalty?

1. Yes b. No

27. Should the age at which juveniles are judged as adults in criminal cases be lowered to 13?

1. Yes b. No

28. Should employers be allowed to permanently replace striking workers?

1. Yes b. No

29. Should there be a cap on the amount juries can award injured parties in a law suit?

1. Yes b. No

30. How should abortions be restricted? (check all that apply).

1. Notify parents of anyone under age 18 before an abortion.
2. No government funding.
3. Allow only in instance of rape, incest or danger to life of the mother.
4. Abortion should be illegal.
5. Abortion should not be restricted.

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