

# Political Spectrum Test

*Rate the following statements as to whether you*

**SA - Strongly agree**  
**A - Agree**  
**D - Disagree**  
**SD - Strongly disagree**

*Each student response of SA becomes a 1, each A=2, each D=3 and each SD=4. The lower their total score the more conservative they are and the higher the more liberal they are.*

1. It should be legal and constitutional to say prayer at the beginning of assemblies in public schools.
2. Sexual preference should be a reason to keep you out of the military service.
3. Persons receiving the death penalty should be executed quickly without spending so much time in jail waiting for appeals.
4. The Supreme Court should reverse its decision on abortion and make it more difficult to have an abortion except in very special cases.
5. Parents should be able to send their students to any school they choose and tax money should be used to support the schools that the parents choose regardless if the school is religious in nature.
6. The federal government should be required to have a balanced budget regardless of programs that might have to be cut.
7. Laws should not be passed that limit the sale of certain types of weapons that are used for hunting or other legitimate sporting purposes.
8. Sex education should never be included in school curriculum in any public school.
9. Student lockers should be searched on a random basis for illegal materials by police and/or school officials.
10. The federal government should take away the minimum wage law.
11. Public schools should be required to teach biblical creationism in all classes that teach the theory of evolution.
12. Birth control information and nonprescription contraceptive devices should not be made available on high school campuses.
13. Requirements for any military duty, including combat, should be based partially on gender.
14. If two equally qualified persons apply for a job and one of them is a minority, race should play **no** role in the hiring decision.

15. Certain literature should be banned in public libraries if it is determined to be inappropriate or too controversial by the librarian or a review board.
16. A person's right to free speech under the First Amendment does not include burning the American flag in protest.
17. The federal budget should spend less money on health and education and more money on the military.
18. Finding an alternative to nuclear energy and stopping the construction of radioactive nuclear power plants is not necessary.
19. The death penalty is clearly not a form of cruel and unusual punishment.
20. Prisons should punish criminals, not rehabilitate them.
21. The states should enforce penalties for gambling, prostitution, and other victimless crimes.
22. The FBI and CIA should be able to wiretap the phones and read the mail of any suspected criminal.
23. The federal government must place business's importance above that of the environment.
24. Most adults on welfare are lazy and not trying to find work.
25. Profanity and sexually-oriented material on the Internet should be outlawed by the federal and state governments.
26. The US must limit the flow of immigrants into the country.
27. The Gay and Lesbian Alliance should not be able to march freely in public.
28. We should drill for oil in Alaska and other states even though it may hurt our environment.