

P GOV POLITICAL ISSUES SURVEY

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DIRECTIONS: For each of the following statements, write the number that best represents your position.

- 1 = strongly Disagree
- 2 = Disagree
- 3 = no opinion or somewhat agree
- 4 = Agree
- 5 = strongly Agree

- ____ 1. In general, the government should be less directly involved in helping Americans meet their needs.
- ____ 2. Income tax should be lowered so citizens can better pursue their life goals.
- ____ 3. Affirmative Action programs that give women and certain minority groups special preferences for employment and college admissions, are unfair and should be ended.
- ____ 4. People commit crimes mostly because they have no respect for others.
- ____ 5. While there will always be some bad apples, most white cops do not discriminate against innocent Black and Hispanic men.
- ____ 6. Too much immigration too fast is bad for America. Those who do come here must do it legally or should be deported.
- ____ 7. Keep the death penalty. Murderers deserve to be executed.
- ____ 8. Gender or sex is determined by biological reality. Men cannot be impregnated by women.
- ____ 9. Taxpayers should not be made to pay for other people’s birth control, except for those below the poverty level.
- ____ 10. Voters should be required to show proof of identification when they vote on Election Day.
- ____ 11. Protecting the environment should not be done at the expense of human economic progress.
- ____ 12. Government attempts to stop climate change by controlling and restricting energy use is a waste of time and tax dollars.
- ____ 13. The Second Amendment protecting rights of private citizens to own guns, is the bedrock of our freedom and must be preserved.
- ____ 14. The Black Lives Matter movement exaggerates racism in America and is wrong to use destructive and violent tactics.
- ____ 15. Public school curriculums have become too politicized. They should not be changed to include more lessons about LGBTQ.
- ____ 16. There should be a government safety net, but private charity should be the source of most help for the poor.
- ____ 17. Successful Americans should not be punished with high taxes in the name of achieving greater economic equality.
- ____ 18. People should be responsible for their own health insurance, jobs, and housing. The government should only assist the needy.
- ____ ~~19~~ 19. People should pay for their own college education. Government should only help low income students.
- ____ 20. The government should play a smaller role in the economy.
- ____ 21. The minimum wage should not be raised. Wages should be decided by worker-employer agreement.
- ____ 22. “White privilege” is not a big problem: non- white Americans today generally have equal opportunities in society.
- ____ 23. Social Security should be privatized, or reformed into “personal savings accounts”.
- ____ 24. Immigrants in America should be expected to eventually learn and be able to speak English.
- ____ 25. The phrase “under God” should be not removed from the Pledge of Allegiance, and “In God We Trust” should not be removed from our money.

CONTINUE ON REVERSE

- ____ 26. Athletes who declare transition from male to female should not be allowed to compete in girl's and women's sports, and should not be able to earn scholarships for female athletes. Athletes should compete with their biological sex.
- ____ 27. The #MeToo movement exaggerates sexism in America, and undermines the core principle of innocent until proven guilty.
- ____ 28. The main cause of the high incarceration rate of young black men in America today is not institutional racism. It is the breakdown of the black family, pushing a higher percent of young black men into crime.
- ____ 29. Columbus Day should be preserved. Despite his flaws, Columbus changed the world and we are all better for it.
- ____ 30. Believing the term "marriage" should only apply to one man and one woman does not make one a bigot. The union of male and female is the natural order, and should have special recognition.
- ____ 31. Stricter gun laws make citizens defenseless and therefor increase crime. Armed citizens deter criminals.
- ____ 32. Human action has little impact on global warming; the planet's climate is always naturally changing. Warming predictions are exaggerated and are unlikely to be a big problem.
- ____ 33. Late-term or "partial birth" abortions should be banned unless the mother's life is at risk.
- ____ 34. Public tax dollars should never pay for abortions.
- ____ 35. Minors should be never able to get abortions without their parent's knowledge.
- ____ 36. Unequal results in education (racial and ethnic achievement gaps) are mostly caused by different cultural attitudes and behaviors towards education.
- ____ 37. A person's race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, and culture should not define who they are. People should treat each other as individuals, not as members of groups.
- ____ 38. Poverty in the US is usually caused by bad choices made by the poor. There are many opportunities for the person who works hard to succeed.
- ____ 39. Capitalism increases wealth for everyone; socialism makes most of us equally poorer.
- ____ 40. Wedding cake bakers, and wedding photographers, have a right to decline their services to gay weddings on religious objections.
- ____ 41. Without borders there are no nations. Immigrants should only come into the US by following our immigration laws.
- ____ 42. The greatest threats to world peace over the past half century have been terrorists and aggressive dictatorships. American military power, and American military aid abroad, are mostly a force for good.
- ____ 43. We more than succeeded in "flattening the curve." It's time for federal and state governments to ease lockdown restrictions.
- ____ 44. The U.S. overall has been amazingly reserved and careful not to take advantage of American military superiority in the world .
- ____ 45. Americans are not overly nationalistic. Americans are right to be patriotic about this special country.
- ____ 46. The U.S. should always seek to increase the power and capabilities of its military.
- ____ 47. The gender wage gap is not sexist or unfair. It is mostly caused by the fact that men and women statistically make different life and career choices.
- ____ 48. Generally speaking, world opinion is often wrong on international issues. If so, America is right to go our own way.
- ____ 49. The U.S. has a large share of the world's wealth because Americans produced that wealth. This is fair.
- ____ 50. Many supported President Obama and his policies just because of his race; many who oppose President Trump unfairly think Republicans are inherently racist and / or sexist.

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