

ACTIVITY 1.1: WHERE ARE YOU ON THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM?

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

As honestly as you can, 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 circumstances.	
2. The government should use tax money to help pay for the cost of daycare for all parents.	
3. Presidents and CEOs of big companies that pollute our air and water should be fined and held personally responsible.	
4. The government should welcome any person who wants to immigrate to Canada.	
5. Canada's Indigenous Peoples should be given the land they were promised in treaties signed with governments.	
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. The 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 Canadian 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, the government should support them 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 those who are less wealthy.	
14. The government should provide financial support to parents to allow them to stay at home after they have had a baby.	
15. Change is more important than tradition in our society.	
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 in society than business executives.	
18. Going on strike is a justifiable way of communicating strong dissatisfaction in the workplace.	
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 financial aid to poorer countries.	

SCORING SHEET: WHERE ARE YOU ON THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM?

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