

## ACTIVITY 1.3: POSITIONING STATEMENTS ON THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM

Indicate where each statement falls on the political spectrum by writing the numbers under the line at the bottom of the page. Create two of your own statements and add them to line as well.

1. Government should increase taxes to expand health care and social services.
2. Harsher penalties for drug crimes will reduce drug abuse.
3. Canadians should have the right to bear arms (possess weapons), like Americans.
4. Health care should be privatized in Canada.
5. The benefits of oil pipelines outweigh the environmental concerns of spills and other environmental damages.
6. First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples should have the right to govern themselves.
7. Books that contain dangerous ideas should be banned from public libraries.
8. Same-sex marriage should be legal throughout the world.
9. People that are unemployed just don't work hard enough to find a job.
10. Using overwhelming military force is the best way to defeat terrorism in the world.
11. The government does not do enough to protect our environment.
12. Canadian immigrants enrich the cultural fabric of society.
13. Capital punishment should be reintroduced to Canadian law.
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