

ACTIVITY 14.2: POLITICAL ISSUES, VALUES AND BELIEFS, AND YOU

Read the list of propositions below and determine where on the political spectrum it would go and which moral principle it would align with. Check in with a peer to confirm your answers.

Afterwards, go back and identify the propositions with which you agree. This will help clarify your own political ideology/philosophy.

Civic issue	Political Spectrum	Moral Principle	Agree or Disagree
Drug possession should be decriminalized			
Using overwhelming military force is the best way to defeat terrorism in the world			
Capital punishment should be an option for some crimes			
Taxes should be lowered even though this may mean increased cuts to government programs			
The government should make stricter laws against private ownership of firearms			
People should be charged user fees every time they are hospitalized			
The government should spend more money on programs for the poor and disadvantaged			
Canada should expand its free trade agreement to include more blocs of countries such as Asia or Latin America			
Tuition costs for post-secondary education should be eliminated to allow equal opportunity for all			
Governments should strengthen preferential hiring treatment for minorities and women			

1. Examine the results above and consider your political ideology/personal philosophy. Does it clarify your political ideology? Describe your personal political ideological/philosophy in your own words.

2. Answer one of the following questions:

a. To what extent does the news media, your friends and your education shape your political ideology? Explain and provide an example.

b. Do your family's political views affect your own ideology? Explain and provide an example.