



## WHAT IS YOUR IDEOLOGY?

An ideology is a systematic set of values that enables a person to view policy issues in a consistent way. Your answers to these questions will indicate if your political values lean toward the liberal or conservative ideologies. Circle T for true or F for false in response to the following statements.

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| 1. The federal government places too many restrictions on the way corporations conduct their business.   | T | F |
| 2. Unions reduce productivity by discouraging workers from performing tasks not agreed to in a labor management contract.  | T | F |
| 3. High government taxes discourage citizens from working hard.  | T | F |
| 4. Most people on welfare would prefer a real job.   | T | F |
| 5. Government should create programs that will reduce America's large number of poor people.   | T | F |
| 6. The best way to help the poor is to set policies that help businesses earn a profit so they can hire the underprivileged.   | T | F |
| 7. Taxes should be used to redistribute income by taking from the wealthy and giving to the poor.  | T | F |
| 8. The government has a special responsibility to protect and assist disadvantaged minorities.   | T | F |
| 9. Government programs on behalf of the disadvantaged discourage people from helping themselves.   | T | F |
| 10. America's high crime rate is directly traceable to the persistence of poverty and discrimination.  | T | F |
| 11. America's high crime rate is due to courts being too lenient with criminals.   | T | F |
| 12. Crime, unemployment and poverty will be reduced if Americans return to the traditional values of hard work, self discipline and belief in God.                   | T | F |
| 13. Government should censor or restrict films and publications that undermine the nation's moral fiber.   | T | F |
| 14. The First Amendment should protect pornography from government censorship. Adults must be free to think and speak as they wish.                                  | T | F |
| 15. Most Third World unrest can be traced to Communist attempts to inspire anti-Western revolutions in these areas.  | T | F |
| 16. Most Third World unrest is caused by weak governments and economics, poverty, famine and internal conflict—legacy of Western political and economic imperialism. | T | F |

Note: This survey is designed to measure students' value orientations on key ideological issues. It does not scientifically determine ideology. The answers are below: L is for liberal and C for conservative.

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| 1. T-C F-L | 5. T-L F-C | 9. T-C F-L  | 13. T-C F-L |
| 2. T-C F-L | 6. T-C F-L | 10. T-L F-C | 14. T-L F-C |
| 3. T-C F-L | 7. T-L F-C | 11. T-C F-L | 15. T-C F-L |
| 4. T-L F-C | 8. T-L F-C | 12. T-C F-L | 16. T-L F-C |

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