



**Liberal or Conservative?
Democrat or Republican?**

RESPOND TO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING SURVEY QUESTIONS AS BEST AS YOU CAN. CIRCLE THE POSITION OF YOUR CHOICE. YOU MIGHT NOTICE SOME TOPICS ARE REPEATED AS A WAY TO EMPHASIZE THEIR IMPORTANCE.

1. Generally, do you tend to trust or distrust government's ability to solve problems?

Trust

Distrust

2. How should we elect our President?

Popular Vote

Electoral College

3. Do you see the ideal America as an ethnic "melting pot" in which religious, cultural, and ethnic distinctions are blended, or as a nation in which ethnically diverse groups ought to coexist while retaining their cultural identity (remain separate)?

Melting Pot

Multicultural Society

4. In the long run, do you think we can reduce crime more by building more prisons or providing more financial assistance to social programs and rebuilding our inner cities?

Build Prisons

Programs and Rebuild Cities

5. Even if it means cutting programs, spending must be cut to reduce the federal deficit (how much more \$ we spend than take in in taxes).

Agree

Disagree

6. The federal government is too big.

Agree

Disagree

7. Do you Social Security should be changed and made into a private business so it doesn't ever go broke or should it remain a part of the government's social programs?

Private

Government

8. Gays and Lesbians should be able to marry or at least be treated as married under law if they so desire.

Agree

Disagree

9. Should the government provide for a national health care plan so that everyone can receive equal health care without regard to income **OR** should people have to pay for medical care themselves?

Government

People

10. Do you believe that the strength of our economy is in the business and corporate structure that provides goods, services, and jobs or do you believe that the strength of our economy is in the working/ middle class of American society?

Business

Working Class

11. The question of abortion should be left to the choice of the mother involved.

Agree

Disagree

12. I believe in higher taxes for the wealthy and lower taxes for the middle class and poor.

Agree

Disagree

13. Invading Iraq and taking Sudaam Hussein's government out of power was the right thing to do.

Agree

Disagree

14. Violent crimes are best controlled with strict gun control laws.

Agree

Disagree

15. Stem-cell research should be fully funded by the government and become an immediate priority for the health system.

Agree

Disagree

16. The breakdown of the traditional family is one of the most serious domestic problems facing our society.

Agree

Disagree

17. The U.S. is spending too much on defense and our military.

Agree

Disagree

18. Women and racial minorities should be given preferences in hiring until we achieve true gender and racial equality in America.

Agree

Disagree

19. Certain environmental problems call for government action, even if it means spending more for new programs or increased taxes.

Agree

Disagree

20. The threat of terrorism is one of the most important issues in this election.

Agree

Disagree

21. Abortion should be illegal.

Agree

Disagree

22. Economic considerations (jobs) are more important than environmental concerns.

Agree

Disagree

23. The death penalty is wrong and should be made unconstitutional.

Agree

Disagree

24. The United States should adopt an Equal Rights Amendment to guarantee equal rights for women.

Agree

Disagree

25. No one should be able to limit a person's right to own a gun.

Agree

Disagree

26. Parents should not receive tax breaks for tuition to private schools; public education should be good enough for everyone.

Agree

Disagree

27. We should spend more money on helping the poor and destitute and less money on the military.

Agree

Disagree

28. The United States should draft young people into the military if enough young people don't volunteer to join on their own.

Agree

Disagree

29. This country should do whatever it takes to protect the environment.

Agree

Disagree

30. The largest businesses/companies do not have too much power they are the backbone of the American economy.

Agree

Disagree

31. The best way to ensure peace is through military strength.

Agree

Disagree

32. Government regulation of businesses is necessary to protect the best interests of all Americans.

Agree

Disagree

33. Relying too much on military force to defeat terrorism creates hatred that leads to more terrorism.

Agree

Disagree

34. Religion is an important part of life.

Agree

Disagree

35. Everyone has it in their own power to succeed.

Agree

Disagree

36. We should all be willing to fight for our country whether it is right or wrong.

Agree

Disagree

37. Public school libraries should not be censored. They should be allowed to carry any books they want.

Agree

Disagree

38. Homosexuality is a way of life that should be accepted by society.

Agree

Disagree

39. Poor people today have it easy because they can get government benefits without doing anything in return.

Agree

Disagree

40. Most elected officials don't care what people like me think.

Agree

Disagree

41. Elected officials in Washington try hard to stay in touch with the desires of the people they represent.

Agree

Disagree

42. I'm generally happy with the way my family is doing financially.

Agree

Disagree

43. Stricter environmental laws and regulations (preventing pollution and contamination) cost too many jobs and hurt the economy.

Agree

Disagree

44. My family does not have enough money to make ends meet.

Agree

Disagree

45. Most corporations make a fair and reasonable amount of profit.

Agree

Disagree

46. It is not necessary for me to believe in God in order to be moral and have good values.

Agree

Disagree

47. The growing number of newcomers from other countries threatens traditional American customs and values.

Agree

Disagree

48. The government should do more to protect morality in society.

Agree

Disagree

49. Government often does a better job than people give it credit for.

Agree

Disagree

50. It is best for our country to be active in world affairs.

Agree

Disagree

51. The government today can't afford to do much more to help the needy.

Agree

Disagree

52. Most people who want to get ahead can make it if they're willing to work hard.

Agree

Disagree

53. Immigrants today are a burden on our country because they take our jobs, housing, and health care.

Agree

Disagree

54. The United States government should give grants explore alternative sources of power other than oil.

Agree

Disagree

55. The United States should have no tariffs on imported goods, and should practice free trade.

Agree

Disagree

56. There should be a Constitutional amendment prohibiting burning of the flag of the United States.

Agree

Disagree

57. In the United States too much of the wealth is held by too few people.

Agree

Disagree

58. There should be a limit to the amount of time a person can collect welfare payments.

Agree

Disagree

59. The United States should spend less money on helping foreign countries.

Agree

Disagree

60. I believe that I am more like a

Democrat

Republican

