

Measuring Your Perspective



This questionnaire should help you gain some insight into your attitudes. It is important to understand the perspectives that you bring to this class and how they compare to those of your classmates. Answer these questions honestly. Rank each statement **on the scoring sheet provided** using the key below.

1. I strongly agree with this statement
2. I agree with this statement
3. I am not sure about this statement *or* I do not have a strong opinion about this statement
4. I disagree with this statement
5. I strongly disagree with this statement.

1. People who receive welfare should have to work or take job training.
2. I am opposed to all capital punishment.
3. Canadian courts generally do not give harsh enough sentences to criminals.
4. Richer countries should increase their aid to poorer nations.
5. Possession of small amounts of marijuana should not be a criminal offence.
6. Private companies can provide public services (such as highway maintenance, school busing, and jail operation) more efficiently and cheaply than the government.
7. Canada's gun-control laws make the process more difficult for honest citizens to obtain guns for legitimate purposes.
8. Government spending cuts have been too extreme in recent years. The government should increase taxes to allow higher spending on social programs.
9. I would consider marrying a person from a different racial, ethnic, or religious group.
10. Canada should accept fewer immigrants..
11. The ability of Canada's businesses to compete internationally has been harmed by labour and environmental laws that are too strict.
12. Trade unions provide needed protection for the rights of working people.
13. In no case should gays and lesbians be allowed to adopt children.
14. Canada's economic system is less productive than that of the United States.
15. Schools pay too much attention to teach children about the arts. They should concentrate more on preparing young people to have successful careers.
16. Affirmative action programs are essential if women and minorities are to achieve their full potential.
17. University and college fees should be reduced or eliminated so that family wealth does not determine access to higher education.
18. People should be able to purchase private medical care in Canada.
19. The government has the responsibility to eliminated homelessness in our cities.
20. Governments should be prepared to run deficits in order to pay for essential needs like better schools and improved health care.

Scoring Sheet

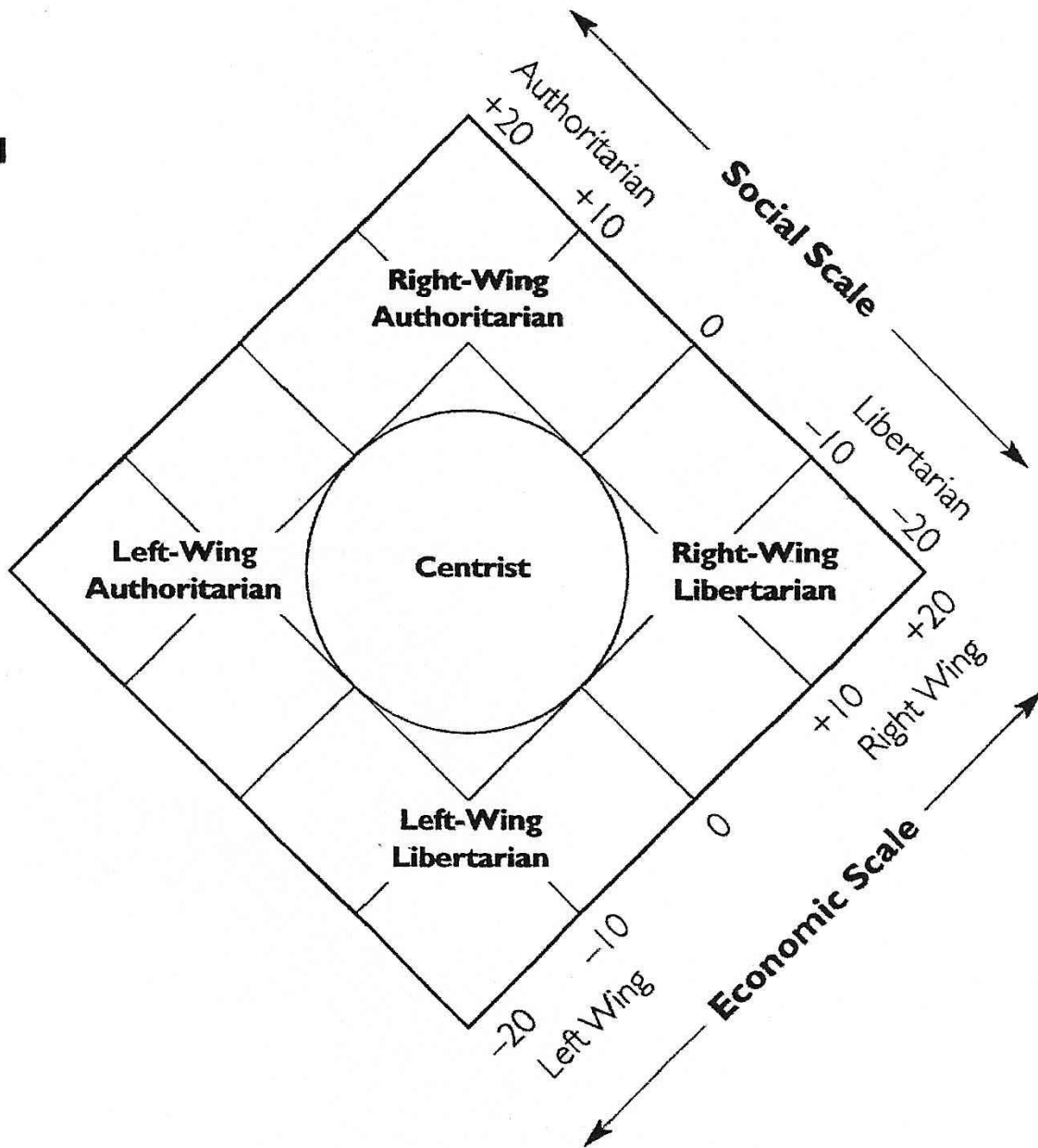


- Place your ranking for each of the questions in either Column C or Column F.

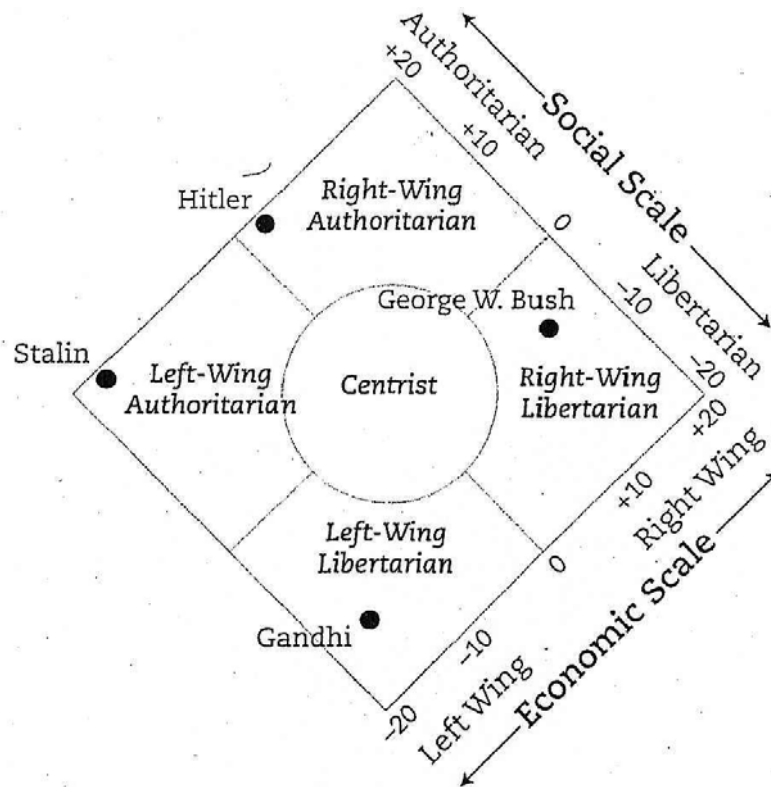
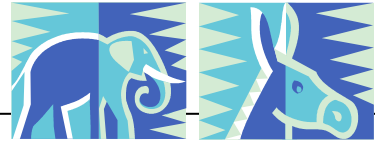
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- Now you must calculate your adjusted scores. For some questions (e.g. questions 3 and 4), you must subtract your answer from 6. Put the result of this subtraction in Column D or Column G. For the remaining questions, just transfer your answer from C to D or from F to G.
- Add the total for the numbers in Column D and put this number in the space provided. This is your preliminary economic (E) score. Similarly, add the numbers in Column G to get your preliminary social (S) score.

4. To get your final scores, do the following calculations:
 - a. Economic Score = 30 – preliminary E score
 - b. Social Score = preliminary S score – 30
5. The next step is to graph your score, along with those of your classmates. Use a small circle to locate your score on the figure below. Use a dot for each of your classmates' scores.



Social & Economic Attitudes



Right-Wing Authoritarian

People in this category believe that the economy works best if the government leaves it alone, but that a significant measure of social control is required to have a fair and effective society.

Left-Wing Authoritarian

People in this category agree with the Right-Wing Authoritarians that social control is required, but they also believe that government control of the economy is essential.

Left-Wing Libertarian

People in this category feel that the government has an important role to play in the economy, but feel that government should allow people to make their own social decisions.

Right-Wing Libertarian

People in this category want to minimize the role of government in all aspects of life.

Centrist

People in this category believe that social and economic controls should be applied if they are in the public good, or dismantled if they do not benefit society.