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Self Assessment on Political Spectrum

Carefully read the 20 statements below and check the appropriate box to indicate your stand on the issue.

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| Statement | Strongly Agree | Agree | Partly Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Score |
| The government should subsidize parents who send their children to private schools so that more students can get a private and thus better education. |  |  |  | ✅ | 1 |
| Economic depressions with high unemployment may be unpleasant while they last, but it’s natural to have them and probably not a bad thing in a normally healthy economy. | ✅ | WOW |  |  | 4 |
| The less the government interferes with the economy and private business or tries to control them, the better. |  |  | ✅ |  | 2 |
| People who are on social assistance are generally lazy or don’t want to work. | ok |  |  | ✅ | 1 |
| People are quick to criticize the government when there are cuts to social services, but they don’t want to hear about raising taxes. | ✅ |  |  |  | 4 |
| No matter how much it hurts in the short term, we must think of the long-term gain of corporate restructuring, reorganizing, and downsizing. |  | ✅ |  |  | 3 |
| University professors, artists, writers, and other educated people may have good ideas sometimes, but the person who owns his/her own business does more to help society. |  |  | ✅ |  | 2 |
| Only people with something to hide will be bothered by the fact that information on their consumer, banking, and investing activities is on file in government or business computers. |  | ✅ |  |  | 3 |
| Labour unions may have had a place in Canadian history when working conditions and pay were poor, but today they seem to have too much power and influence in people’s lives. |  | ✅ |  |  | 3 |
| Life is too soft for kids these days. A part-time job, evenings and weekends would be good for them. |  | ✅ |  |  | 3 |

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| Young people should take as their heroes the men and women who started with nothing and, through hard work, got to the top and got rich. |  | ✅ |  |  | 3 |
| Changes in economic policy should be made slowly to avoid making mistakes. In economics, especially, it is best to move only when we have all the facts and are absolutely sure of what we are doing. |  |  | ✅ |  | 2 |
| When it comes to economic/business leadership, it is almost always best to go along with an older person who has the experience and is not going to do anything foolish. |  |  |  | ✅ | 1 |
| It is up to the individual, not the government, to make sure that his/her family is properly clothed, housed, and fed. |  |  | ✅ |  | 2 |
| Young people may be rebellious and have some radical ideas, but when they get older, they will get over it and settle down like the rest of us. |  |  |  | ✅ | 1 |
| Immigrants who come to this country are generally looking for a handout, not a hand-up. |  |  | ✅ |  | 2 |
| On a personal level, you should not get into debt by spending more than you earn and the government should do the same thing. |  |  | ✅ |  | 2 |
| Allowing university graduates to declare bankruptcy and not pay back their student loans is another example of how we are too lenient and too careless about our national/provincial finances. |  | ✅ |  |  | 3 |
| Businesses from other countries should be allowed to compete and not be hindered by government regulations and protectionist policies. |  | ✅ |  |  | 3 |

How to calculate your score:

4 points for each strongly agree; 3 points for each agree;

2 points for each partly disagree; 1 point for each strongly disagree.

Total Score:

45