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Student Survey

Each student will create

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Political Ideology Survey

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| 1. The federal government places too many restrictions on businesses. |  |  |
| 2. Americans need to be protected from unnecessary police searches and other invasions of privacy. |  |  |
| 3. High taxes discourage people from working hard. |  |  |
| 4. Only people who cannot work should be eligible for welfare programs. |  |  |
| 5. National security is more important than an individual person’s right to privacy. |  |  |
| 6. The government should create and pay for programs that help poor people in the United States. |  |  |
| 7. The wealthy should be taxed at a higher percentage than the lower and middle classes. |  |  |
| 8. The best way to help the poor is to help businesses earn a profit and create new jobs.  |  |  |
| 9. Government programs on behalf of the disadvantaged discourage people from helping themselves. |  |  |
| 10. The government should not restrict abortion and other reproductive decisions. |  |  |
| 11. The government has a special responsibility to protect minority groups from discrimination. |  |  |
| 12. Crime can be reduced by enforcing stricter penalties and longer jail sentences on criminals. |  |  |
| 13. The government should do more to punish businesses that pollute the environment. |  |  |
| 14. The government should protect Americans from morally offensive films and publications. |  |  |
| 15. The arts should be protected from government censorship. Adults must be free to think and speak as they wish. |  |  |
| 16. Without government regulation, big businesses would take advantage of ordinary Americans. |  |  |
| 17. Crime, unemployment, poverty, and other problems will be reduced if Americans return to the traditional values of hard work, self-discipline, and belief in God. |  |  |
| 18. Our government spends too much on social services and other programs that could be run just as well by businesses, religious organizations, and/or non-profit charity groups. |  |  |
| 19. Homosexuals should receive the same rights and protections as other minority groups. |  |  |
| 20. Policies that create jobs are more important than policies that protect the environment. |  |  |
| 21. The federal government should not get involved in setting academic standards for local public school districts. |  |  |
| 22. Americans have a right to affordable health care. |  |  |
| 23. The death penalty is cruel and unusual punishment. |  |  |
| 24. One way to reduce crime would be to limit the sale and possession of firearms. |  |  |
| 25. The government should allow school-sponsored prayer in the public schools. |  |  |

Result

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Fill in the blank and then in the blank space underneath explain why the statement is either a liberal or conservative statement.

A. Liberal B. Conservative

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Our national government should tax less and therefore allow its citizens to

 decide how best to spend their own money.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. When companies are given more economic freedoms they create more jobs and

opportunities for citizens to become prosperous.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. Freedom of speech should be protected even if we find that speech offensive.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Parents and students should be given the choice as to what type of schooling is

best for their children, even if that choice is a religious school.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. Our government has an obligation to provide for all of its citizens basic

necessities like food and healthcare.

Election Simulation Direction

* Students will be placed into 2 or 3 equal groups of no more than 12 students in a group
* There will be
	+ 2 candidates in a group (it’s a big role for one student)
	+ 2 campaign managers
	+ The other members of the group will be divided into speech and debate writers or any other function that the group sees as needed.
* Students will complete 2 speeches
* 1 debate
* 1 vote
* Students will create a political party name and platform (5 points or issues)





