

Political Spectrum Questions and Scoring Sheet

The Student Budget Consultation survey includes seven questions that help to assess where you fall on the political spectrum focusing on economic issues. If you are using paper copies of the survey, please use this Scoring Sheet to determine where you stand.

Afterwards, use PowerPoint F: The Political Spectrum to review the key terms and perspectives, and to compare your views with those of other Canadians.

The most effective way to create jobs in Canada is to lower taxes.

	<i>Response</i>	<i>Assigned Value</i>
<input type="radio"/>	Strongly disagree	8
<input type="radio"/>	Somewhat disagree	6
<input type="radio"/>	Neutral	4
<input type="radio"/>	Somewhat agree	2
<input type="radio"/>	Strongly agree	0

Wealthy people have a greater obligation than everyone else to help those who are in need.

	<i>Response</i>	<i>Assigned Value</i>
<input type="radio"/>	Strongly disagree	0
<input type="radio"/>	Somewhat disagree	2
<input type="radio"/>	Neutral	4
<input type="radio"/>	Somewhat agree	6
<input type="radio"/>	Strongly agree	8

Canada's budget should be balanced no matter what.

	<i>Response</i>	<i>Assigned Value</i>
<input type="radio"/>	Strongly disagree	8
<input type="radio"/>	Somewhat disagree	6
<input type="radio"/>	Neutral	4
<input type="radio"/>	Somewhat agree	2
<input type="radio"/>	Strongly agree	0

The Canadian government should put a price on carbon.

	<i>Response</i>	<i>Assigned Value</i>
<input type="radio"/>	Strongly disagree	0
<input type="radio"/>	Somewhat disagree	2
<input type="radio"/>	Neutral	4
<input type="radio"/>	Somewhat agree	6
<input type="radio"/>	Strongly agree	8

How much tax should corporations pay?

	<i>Response</i>	<i>Assigned Value</i>
<input type="radio"/>	Much less	0
<input type="radio"/>	Somewhat less	2
<input type="radio"/>	About the same as now	4
<input type="radio"/>	Somewhat more	6
<input type="radio"/>	Much more	8

How much should wealthier people pay in taxes?

	<i>Response</i>	<i>Assigned Value</i>
<input type="radio"/>	Much less	0
<input type="radio"/>	Somewhat less	2
<input type="radio"/>	About the same as now	4
<input type="radio"/>	Somewhat more	6
<input type="radio"/>	Much more	8

Which of the following options do you prefer?

	<i>Response</i>	<i>Assigned Value</i>
<input type="radio"/>	Higher taxes and more government services	0
<input type="radio"/>	Less taxes and fewer government services	8

Add up the total values for each question to create a total score.

TOTAL SCORE: _____

Use your score to find out your position on the political spectrum.

Result	Total Score
Left	42-55
Centre-left	28-41
Centre-right	14-27
Right	0-13