

# Political Spectrum Activity (Honors)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Overview

You will be taking two quizzes that will determine your political orientation. The first quiz determines which political party you most closely match by assessing how liberal or conservative you are. The second quiz will use the results from the first quiz to determine which of the 2008 Presidential candidates your political orientation most closely matches.

Take each quiz. Please answer honestly. If you are not sure about the finer points of an issue, please do a little research about the topic before you answer. These quizzes are only accurate to the degree that your choices really match your beliefs.

## Quiz 1: Politics Match

<http://politicalquiz.net/>

This quiz has 24 questions that ask you to answer how you feel about current policy issues. You will answer either "Agree, Disagree, or Maybe/Don't Care." Be careful about using "Maybe/Don't Care" too much, as it may give you poor results. This site does a good job explaining your results. Take a minute to read your results before moving on.

-Write down the following four values from your quiz:

-Conservative/Progressive score: \_\_\_\_\_

-Capitalist Purist/Social Capitalist score: \_\_\_\_\_

-Libertarian/Authoritarian score: \_\_\_\_\_

-Pacifist/Militarist score: \_\_\_\_\_

-Write down the results of your quiz (You would most likely fit in the category of): \_\_\_\_\_

## Keep Going to Quiz 2 (on the back of the paper)

## Quiz 2: '08 Candidate Selector

- Go to the green bar at the top of the Political Philosophy Quiz.
- Click on '08 Candidate Selector.
- Type in the values for the four scores from the previous test (You wrote them in the blanks above).
- Finally, click on the button labeled "Who is closest?"

The candidates will be listed in order from the one who most closely matches your political personality to the one who least matches it.

Fill in the following information on your top 3 matches:

|                                       | <b>1st Candidate</b> | <b>2nd Candidate</b> | <b>3rd Candidate</b> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Name of Candidate</b>              |                      |                      |                      |
| <b>Percent Match</b>                  |                      |                      |                      |
| <b>Progressive/<br/>Conservative</b>  |                      |                      |                      |
| <b>Cap Purist/<br/>Social Cap</b>     |                      |                      |                      |
| <b>Libertarian/<br/>Authoritarian</b> |                      |                      |                      |
| <b>Pacifist/<br/>Purist</b>           |                      |                      |                      |

### Writing Assignment

Write a paragraph on a separate sheet of paper that tells me the following:

1. Do you think the quizzes did a good job defining how you feel about political matters? Explain why.
2. Were you surprised by the quiz results?
3. What do each of the 4 categories of scores tell you? (Progressive/Conservative, Cap Purist/Social Cap, Libertarian/Authoritarian, Pacifist/Militarist)
4. Considered your results (the number for each of the four categories). Do you agree with the assessment?
5. What do you think about the top three candidates that were picked?

### What to turn in

1. This sheet with the information in the blanks filled in.
2. Your written paragraph.

Be sure your name is on both sheets!

### Extra fun:

Have one of your parents take the quiz after you do. Statistics say that 70% of us match our parent's views about politics.