

The Spectrum Test

Your answers to the following questions will aid in determining where you fall on the political spectrum.
Please answer thoughtfully and honestly.

Issue # 1: Universal Health Care

Arguably one of the largest issues our country has faced over the past decade, universal (or national) health care has been debated among past and present U.S. administrations, the medical community, and large HMO companies. Those who support the universal health care system believe that only a small, affluent portion of the United States population can afford the ever-rising costs of health care, and that the most direct solution to the aforementioned problem would entail the federal government providing free health care for all citizens. Those against the universal health care system argue that it would cost American taxpayers too much, that it would disrupt the business of many large health care companies, and that it would prove unfeasible with the onset of the Baby Boomer population entering old age. What do you think?

1. Too many lower and middle-class Americans are suffering as I write. We need national health care and we need it now!
2. National health care is a great idea, but we should limit it to certain types of health care and treatment because it might cost too much otherwise.
3. I support the idea of a national health care system, but I feel that our current system is working well. I don't support paying too much more than I am now for this.
4. I won't pay any more tax money than I am now to support such a program.
5. We've already fooled around with the budget too much; national health care is an abomination of an idea because it'll worsen our budget problems and maybe even send us back into deficit.

Issue # 2: Tax Cuts

The issue of tax cuts has stolen much of the political limelight as of late. A key issue in the presidential race of 2000, tax cuts have caused millions of Americans to weigh the importance of their pocketbooks against the governments.

Congress recently passed President Bush's brainchild \$1.3 trillion tax cut bill. Both parties alike have proposed a range of solutions, including everything from doubling the amount being cut to stopping the tax cut altogether. What's yours?

1. The tax cut was a stupid idea in the first place. Now we've wasted money that could have been used to spend on social programs. It should never have happened.
2. The tax cut is not a good idea right now. I think we should straighten out our budget discrepancies before considering it.
3. I support the tax cut, but the amount cut is a bit extreme. Cutting one-half to two-thirds of that amount would be good enough for me.
4. I strongly support the tax cut. I think the way it's been carried out these past few months is perfect.
5. I love the tax cut, but why should a nation as prosperous as ours cut so little? We should augment the amount being cut by a lot. I want my money and I want it now!