

CHAPTER 1 - EXERCISE 5 - *Perspective* POLITICAL BELIEFS AND YOU

You may have heard people call themselves “left-wing” or “right-wing.” These terms refer to an individual’s political beliefs or stance.

Read through the following political propositions and identify whether each is a left-wing or right-wing concept. Afterwards, go back and identify the propositions with which you agree. This will give you some idea whether you can classify yourself as left or right wing.

Proposition	Left or Right	Agree or Disagree
1. Marijuana possession should be decriminalized.	Left	Agree
2. Canada should admit less immigrants and refugees.	Right	Disagree
3. Capital punishment should be an option for some crimes.	Right	Disagree
4. Taxes should be lowered even though this may mean more cuts to government programs.	Right	Disagree
5. The government should make stricter laws against private ownership of firearms.	Left	Agree
6. People should be charged user fees every time they are hospitalized.	Right	Disagree
7. The government should spend more money on programs for the poor and disadvantaged.	Left	Agree
8. Canada should expand its free trade agreement to include more blocs of countries such as Asia or Latin America.	Left	Agree
9. Tuition costs for post-secondary education should be lowered or eliminated to allow equal opportunity for all.	Left	Agree
10. Governments should strengthen preferential hiring treatment for minorities and women.	Left	Agree

Based on this questionnaire, are you left-wing or right-wing? Left wing

- *If you agreed with an equal amount of left and right propositions, you are likely “moderate” or “centrist.”*