
Political Party Identification Worksheet



How well do you know that platforms of the two major American political parties? For each of the ideas listed below, indicate with D or an R which party hold the belief. We'll exchange papers and see how you did.

Score: Number correct times 2 = ____ over 20.

- ___1) They favor tax cuts for all levels of society in the hope that increased consumer spending will lead to growth of America's treasury.
- ___2) This party is willing to open up the Alaskan National Wildlife Research (ANWR) to oil exploration and drilling to reduce US dependence on foreign oil.
- ___3) They reject the idea that the government should provide health care to those Americans that cannot afford it and do not have it.
- ___4) They believe that the poor and middle class should be helped by social programs like social security and Medicaid that will be paid for by collecting taxes.
- ___5) This party opposed the lifting of gun control laws such as the Assault Weapons ban, and they want to place a 30-day waiting period on the purchase of handguns.
- ___6) This party opposed large increases in defense spending because they say it hurts domestic spending on programs like public schools, child care, and assistance for America's cities.
- ___7) This party supports the use of taxpayer funds in the form of vouchers to allow students who want to transfer to private schools in order to get a better education.
- ___8) This party is suspicious of businesses and feels that the government must make rules on issues like labor relations, pollution, and corporate greed.
- ___9) This party is more willing to use American forces overseas. In order to make the military stronger, the party supports increased spending on troops and weapons.
- ___10) This party wants to reduce America's need for Middle East oil by investing in research for alternative energy sources such as wind, hydroelectric, and geothermal sources.