

My View on Government and Economics

Answer Yes or No

1. The government should provide for the poor (housing, food, education, health care, etc).
Y/N
2. Freedom of speech does not apply to hate speech. Y/N
3. The way to obtain the goods and services that you want and need is through work. Those who are able to work, and refuse to, should not be provided welfare. Y/N
4. All parents should have choices in the education of their children. These choices include homeschooling or an array of schools operating in the competitive, free market. Y/N
5. In a nation as prosperous as America, everyone should be assured a living wage. Y/N
6. Free trade benefits all parties, and the more trading partners one has the better. Y/N
7. Government subsidies help ensure a “level playing field” for all businesses. Y/N
8. Minimum wage laws are necessary to ensure that lower income workers earn a “living wage.”
Y/N
9. The current US Social Security System is a good system, worthy of perpetuation. Y/N
10. Strong private property rights are essential to our economic well-being. Y/N
11. Universal basic income (UBI) is a great idea, guaranteeing everyone a certain minimal monthly income. Y/N
12. A truly just society will give to people according to their needs and tax them according to their ability to pay. Y/N
13. Each of us has a right, from God, to defend his person, his liberty and his property. Civil government is the collective organization of the individual right to lawful defense. Y/N
14. There are four jurisdictions (centers of power and authority): individual, family, voluntary associations (including the Church and business), and civil government. Y/N
15. For individuals who are elderly, poor, sick, oppressed, etc, their “safety net” is their family (blood relatives). If there are no family members, or family members cannot or will not assist, their secondary “safety net” is the Church or other voluntary associations. Y/N
16. Civil government should be limited to being a “punisher of evildoers” (defense, police, courts, border security, administration of justice, etc.) and only an encourager of individuals, families, businesses, and voluntary associations in the doing of good. Y/N
17. Entrepreneurs and businessmen/businesswomen are typically greedy individuals. Y/N

18. Self government and character are essential to a strong nation and these traits must be developed and encouraged. Y/N
19. Civil government must redistribute wealth to ensure equality for all. Y/N
20. Business regulations should be kept to a bare minimum (limited to health and safety) so business owners can maximize the time, energy, and resources that they spend serving their customers. Y/N
21. Centralization is preferred to decentralization. For example, a Department of Education, with broad powers over all schools in all 50 states, is better than local schools controlled by a local school board. Y/N
22. In times of economic downturn, it is good for increased government spending to stimulate the economy. Y/N
23. Every law should apply equally to every citizen including those in civil government (legislators, judges, members of the executive branch, etc.). Y/N
24. Government should do something to stop a business from having excessive profits. Y/N
25. Rights are inalienable as they come from our Creator and are not granted by civil government. Y/N
26. The government should intervene to break up large companies into smaller ones to prevent monopolies. Y/N
27. The US should enact universal health care as soon as possible. Y/N
28. The primary function of government is to ensure social and racial justice, economic security, and freedom from discrimination. Y/N
29. Big corporations are generally a blessing to our economic well being. Among other things they provide what small companies could not: cars, trucks, trains, planes, gas, electricity, internet services, social media, etc. Y/N
30. Man is basically good; he is corrupted by faulty social institutions that lead to poor education, poverty, lack of opportunity and bad government. Y/N
31. "The state is nothing more than a machine for the oppression of one class by another." Y/N
32. Society must reject the idea of identity politics, i.e. that our nation's inhabitants are divided into groups (men/women, rich/poor, black/white, privileged/oppressed) and that each group is to be treated differently. Y/N
33. Education of children is the responsibility of parents, not civil government. Y/N
34. It is important when deciding public policy to make sure that we are on "the right side of history." Y/N

35. Individual man is superior to the state; the state (civil government) exists to protect the life, liberty and property of its citizens. Y/N

36. A college education is a right and therefore should be free. Y/N

37. One American ideal is individuality, as opposed to collectivism. Y/N

38. Markets need to be guided by, as Adam Smith observed, an “invisible hand.” Y/N

39. Children have a civil right to an education. Y/N

40. The fairest method of taxation is one that takes a larger percentage from those with greater incomes. Y/N

41. The General Welfare clause of the US Constitution authorizes the government to take care of its people. Y/N

42. It's the government's responsibility to keep citizens safe. Y/N

Correct Answer (Consistent with Free Enterprise and Liberty): 1.N 2.N 3.Y 4.Y 5.N 6.Y 7.N
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