

The Idea of America Values Quiz

Directions: For each set of statements below, choose the one that you more strongly agree with.

1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The most important function of government is to ensure equal opportunity for all Americans. ○ The most important function of government is to protect our freedoms.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Public policies should be based on rational and practical solutions to problems. ○ Religious beliefs and faith should influence public policy.
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Americans should generally follow the same rules no matter where they live. ○ States should be allowed to determine their own policies.
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We should preserve public lands unspoiled for future generations. ○ We should responsibly use the resources available on our public lands.
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Immigration laws should be strictly enforced. ○ Immigrants have always strengthened the country.
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A corporation's primary responsibility is to its shareholders. ○ Corporations should serve their employees and be responsible to communities.

7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Healthcare is a universal human need, and the government should ensure all citizens have access to decent care. ○ Healthcare is a private responsibility, and government should not be involved in delivering medical services.
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Having many different languages is part of what makes America great. ○ Adopting English as the national language makes sense.
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ I follow the law even when I don't think it is right. ○ I believe a good society must be built on a solid moral foundation.
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Individuals should decide for themselves if and when to serve their country. ○ There should be a national service requirement for every citizen.
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Businesses should be free to trade and deal with whomever they desire. ○ Businesses should be required to serve and treat all customers the same.
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ U.S. foreign policy should make our nation a force for good in the world. ○ Our foreign policy should focus primarily on national security.

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Answer Key

1	<p>Q The most important function of government is to ensure equal opportunity for all Americans.</p> <p>F The most important function of government is to protect our freedoms.</p>
2	<p>L Public policies should be based on rational and practical solutions to problems.</p> <p>E Religious beliefs and faith should influence public policy.</p>
3	<p>U Americans should generally follow the same rules no matter where they live.</p> <p>D States should be allowed to determine their own policies.</p>
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How to tabulate your results

Count how many of your answers correspond to each value.

	Number of answers for this value		
Value	0-1	2	3
U _{NITY}	No Value	U	U
D _{IVERSITY}		D	D
P _{RIVATE WEALTH}		P	P
C _{OMMON WEALTH}		C	C
F _{REEDOM}		F	F
E Q _{UALITY}		Q	Q
L _{AW}		L	L
E _{THICS}		E	E

Write the four letters from above in order below.

This is your American Values profile:

A small capital signifies that you have a slight preference toward that value.

A large capital signifies a stronger inclination toward that value.

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What do the letters mean?

<p>U Unity</p> <p>You prize unifying ideas such as nationalism and patriotism, and value the pursuit of common principles and goals.</p>	<p>D Diversity</p> <p>You embrace the many differences among individuals and groups of people, such as ethnicity, religion, race, economic class, geographic location, and political beliefs.</p>
<p>P Private wealth</p> <p>You believe that the resources you earn or possess—your income, personal character, and education, for example—are yours to use as you like.</p>	<p>C Common wealth</p> <p>You believe that a community needs to share resources in order to tend to its infrastructure, whether it be material infrastructure like bridges and roads, or the education system and representative government.</p>
<p>F Freedom</p> <p>You believe strongly in the right to be left alone. Individuals and like-minded groups should be free to do what they like as long as nobody is harmed.</p>	<p>Q Equality</p> <p>You believe that everyone should be equal in the eyes of the law and society.</p>
<p>L Law</p> <p>You greatly admire the rule of law as a foundation of civil society. Following agreed-upon rules is central to a just society.</p>	<p>E Ethics</p> <p>You believe moral standards and individual conscience should guide citizens. You believe there are times when Americans should protest or rebel against laws that are unethical.</p>