

Politics can change the way people view subjects. I've taken a couple quizzes to see where I fall on the scale for Democrat or Republican. I also took these so that I can inform myself on what each party is about. The first quiz I took gave me results that say I fall right in the middle. They call it "New Era Enterprisers." This would mean that I am socially liberal and fiscally conservative. It would also mean I am more supportive of government regulation than are other Republican-leaning groups. Do I agree with this? Well not completely, I believe that I lean more to the republican side. Yes I am maybe more supportive of the government than others but I think this is because I have a personal connection with it, such as my father working for them. I feel that people pick whether they are a republican or democrat or who they are voting for based on what could affect them. The quiz I took asked me questions that I personally feel don't define which political party you stand with. For example it says "Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?" The two choices are, "Homosexuality should be accepted by society" or "Homosexuality should be discouraged by society." I feel that this question was worded very wrong. If someone wants to accept something like homosexuality then that's their decision. If they don't that's also their choice. I'm not going to say whether society should accept it or not. Because that is an individual decision. These questions are misleading because some people are not informed about the civil liberties and the civil rights that go along with the topic.

Along with the first quiz I thought the questions on the New York Times quiz were not intelligent, and had nothing to do with where I am on the political scale. The results told me I lean more towards the republican side which I agree with. But I still don't agree with what it was asking me. Most of the questions are based on race, religion, and sexual orientation. Is this what decides where you are politically? I think quizzes like this should ask you questions about what you think the government could change, it could also ask you questions about abortions or different laws being made. Not if you're married or not. Questions like that don't allow you to have an opinion or a voice.

Some topics that are important to me include abortion, Planned Parenthood, gun rights and taxes. I think that the way you respond to these topics could tell a lot about where you stand politically. But that's not necessarily true. I am a republican who supports Trump. What Trump supports is for banning abortion overall, except for cases of rape, incest or danger to the mother's life. I don't personally agree with this. I believe that all reasons should be valid for a woman to get an abortion. Unlike Joe Biden who wants to pass a federal law that protects a woman's right to have an abortion ("Difference"). Which I do agree with. What happens a lot when it comes to voting and picking sides is people look at one topic like abortion and pick whoever fits their opinions. Now for a topic like gun control it can be 50/50 neither Biden or Trump wants to ban guns but they both have different views on the topic that could change who you would want to vote for ("Politics"). My opinion on gun control is that, I believe anyone who is over 18 has a licence and has had a background check should be allowed to purchase a firearm. The whole teachers being armed thing is not something I have an opinion on.

Local elections are a big part of politics. Local elections matter because your local government manages a bunch of different things and what decision it makes will directly affect your life ("Local"). State and local governments lead the way when the federal government isn't. Local elections take place to select office-holders in local government, such as mayors and councillors. This is important because it changes your view for the big elections ("Local").