**Who Do I Side With? Exploring the Beliefs of Political Parties**

**Directions:** As the 2016 election quickly approaches it is important to have a clear understanding of where each of the remaining candidates falls in terms of their personal and political views. Knowing where a candidate stands allows voters to identify the candidate who closely reflects their own personal values and beliefs allowing them to confidently identify who should receive their vote. Throughout this activity we will be using information from the website I Side With.com (***http://www.isidewith.com/****)* along with several questions designed to help you identify the political candidate who aligns closest with your beliefs.

**Anticipatory Question:**

Based on your prior understanding of the major and minor political parties which party do you believe your viewpoint will most likely match up with after completing the quiz? (Democrat, Republican, Green Party, Libertarian or other)

Describe how you reached that viewpoint and theorize how you might feel if your results are different than expected:

***\****Go to ***http://www.isidewith.com/*** and click the button that reads “**QUIZ**”. Be sure to answer each question and rank how important each topic is to you. Once you hit “**Show My Results**” take time to review them and complete the sheet below.

**I Side With Quiz “President” Results:** Be sure you are on the tab titled “President”. Review your results and in the space provided below fill in the boxes to correspond with your quiz results.

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| **Candidate** | **Profile Picture** | **Percentage of Issues You Agree On** | **Issues You Share Similar Views On** |
| **Donald J. Trump (Republican)** | http://www.slate.com/content/dam/slate/blogs/the_slatest/2015/07/30/donald_trump_revelations_media_vetting_is_so_far_not_eroding_his_support/482327612-republican-presidential-candidate-donald-trump-gives.jpg.CROP.promo-xlarge2.jpg |  |  |
| **Hillary Clinton (Democrat)** | Image result for Hillary Clinton |  |  |
| **Gary Johnson (Libertarian)** | https://1.bp.blogspot.com/-Y5SuHHzMq3U/V6pTZDyfSlI/AAAAAAAA2i0/60VSg6XnQWQfCtnEBQC-Z82U_pPRozfOQCLcB/s1600/gary-johnson-fontpagemag.jpg |  |  |
| **Jill Stein (Green Party)** | Image result for Jill Stein |  |  |
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* After reviewing the ***I SideWith*** quiz results the candidate whose views I have the most in common with is: (Be sure to include the percentage)
* Describe how you feel about the results. (Did it match your prediction, are you disappointed or shocked, does it make you re-think some of your answers) **\*Be sure to articulate your thoughts**
* What is the one candidate whose views I have the most in common with is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The main issue (s) I have with this candidate is their position on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I feel this way because…

**I Side With Quiz “Party” Results:** Be sure you are on the tab titled “Party”. Review your results and in the space provided below fill in the boxes to correspond with your quiz results.

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| **Political Party** | **Symbol** | **Percentage of Issues You Agree On** | **Issues You Share Similar Views On** |
| **Republicans** | https://blog.compete.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/Republican-Elephant.jpg |  |  |
| **Democrats** | Image result for Democrats |  |  |
| **Libertarians** | Image result for livertarian symbol |  |  |
| **Green Party** | Image result for green party symbol |  |  |
| **Socialists** | http://www.socialistparty.org.uk/Images/furniture/socialist_party.jpg |  |  |
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* Based on the quiz my identified political ideology is that of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + How would you defend your political ideology to someone whose beliefs differ from yours?

**I Side With Quiz “Political Theme” Results:** Be sure you are still on the tab titled “Party”. Scroll down the page and review your results for the “Political Theme” section. In the space provided below please shade in the boxes to correspond with your quiz results. Consider the center line as “neutral” and be sure to record the percentage as well.

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| **My Political Themes** |  | |
| **Capitalism vs Socialism** | Capitalism | Socialism |
| **Multiculturalism vs Assimilation** | Multiculturalism | Assimilation |
| **Tough vs Tender** | Tough | Tender |
| **Collectivism vs Individualism** | Collectivism | Individualism |
| **Laisse-fare vs Keynesian** | Laisse-fare | Keynesian |
| **Small Government vs Big Government** | Small Government | Big Government |
| **Traditional vs Progressive** | Traditional | Progressive |
| **Regulation vs Deregulation** | Regulation | Deregulation |
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**Closing Thoughts:** After reviewing the results of the *I Side With* quiz please reflect on what you have learned about yourself as a potential voter. Be sure to discuss the issues that you stayed firm on, the issues that you were surprised reflected a different view then you previously believed you held and how you would feel if you were to cast your vote for the candidate whose views most closely resembled your own according to the quiz. Be sure to include anything else that inspired you to think as a result of this quiz.

* + The most interesting thing I learned about myself as a potential voter was …