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*2002 Issues Ballot*

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**Now it is your turn to voice your opinion!**

*Below, you will find several questions that you can vote upon.*

Think carefully about the questions asked and cast an informed vote!

1. **There are 5 issues listed below, check the box next to the issue that you feel should be policymakers' top priority over the other 4.**
  - a. the environment
  - b. education
  - c. the economy and corporate ethics
  - d. homeland security
  - e. healthcare
  
2. **Check the box next to the issue you feel should be a second priority.**
  - a. the environment
  - b. education
  - c. the economy and corporate ethics
  - d. homeland security
  - e. healthcare
  
3. **Which of the following statements most closely reflects your views on economic policy?**
  - a. I prefer Republican policies because they lower taxes and allow Americans to spend money as they see fit.
  - b. I prefer Democratic policies because they have more concern for social welfare and use tax revenues to fund important government services.
  - c. Republicans are too concerned with the welfare of the rich. Democrats are too concerned with the welfare of the poor. I don't like either party's policies.
  - d. I prefer neither Republican nor Democratic policies because individuals should be totally free from government interference in their economic decisions.
  
4. **Which of the following statements most closely matches your views on the debate between homeland security and civil liberties?**
  - a. Maintaining homeland security is so important that constitutional rights should hardly be considered at all.
  - b. It is worth sacrificing some constitutional rights for greater security.
  - c. Both are important but maintaining constitutional rights is more important than greater security.
  - d. Defending and pursuing our Constitutional rights is the best kind of homeland security our nation can have.

5. **Check the box that most closely reflects your opinion on the following statement:**

- a. Government-funded school vouchers should be used so that students in failing schools will receive better educations at better schools.
- b. Government-funded school vouchers should not be used. They could result in troubled schools with less- talented students and fewer resources when students who can leave do leave.
- c. Some form of school choice is needed, but tax dollars should not be used to fund private or religious schools.
- d. Leave the present system as it is. Everything considered, it is pretty good as it is.

6. **Which of the following statements most closely reflects your views on healthcare policy?**

- a. The government should ensure that prescription drug costs come down, even if it means raising taxes or allocating less money to other programs.
- b. Prescription drug costs should be lowered, but market competition can be more effective at doing so than government regulation.
- c. Individuals should be responsible for their own healthcare services, free from government interference or help.

7. **Which of the following statements most closely reflects your views on environmental/energy policy?**

- a. Since business drives the U.S. economy and world leadership, the government should impose minimal environmental regulations on business.
- b. In the current international situation, sustaining domestic energy sources is more important than environmental conservation.
- c. More emphasis should be placed on energy sources that are sustainable and environmentally friendly, such as solar or wind power.
- d. The government should provide tax incentives to Americans who buy alternative-fuel or fuel-efficient cars, even if providing those tax incentives requires raising taxes on traditional fuels such as gasoline.