Public Opinion Survey

Adapted from the NES
(National Election Study)
Please prepare an 8 1/2 X 11 sheet of paper in the following manner.
A.
B.

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10.
Total of 1-10:
Average of 1-10:  (questions A and B are not included here)
You will be asked to answer the following questions on a seven point scale.
A. There is a lot of talk these days about liberals and conservatives. Where would you place yourself on the following scale?

1. Extremely conservative
2. Conservative
3. Slightly conservative
4. Moderate
5. Slightly liberal
6. Liberal
7. Extremely liberal
8. Don’t know
B. Which party do you most identify with:
   1. strongly Democratic
   2. Democratic leaning
   3. neutral
   4. Republican leaning
   5. strongly Republican
1. Some people think government should provide fewer services in areas such as health and education, in order to reduce spending. Others feel it is important for the government to provide many more services even if it means increasing spending. Where would you place yourself on this scale.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7
reduce spending increase spending
2. Some people feel the government in Washington should see to it that every person has a job and a good standard of living. Others think the government should just let each person get ahead on his own. Where would you place yourself on this scale?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

each on his own help people get ahead
3. There is much concern about the rapid rise in medical and hospital costs. Some people feel there should be a government insurance plan that would cover all costs for everyone. Others feel that all medical expenses should be paid by individuals and through private insurance plans. Where would you place yourself on this scale?

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4. Some people think we need much tougher government regulations on business in order to protect the environment. Others think that current regulations to protect the environment are already too much of a burden on business. Where would you place yourself on this scale?

1  2  3  4  5  6  7
fewer regulations     tougher regulations
5. Some people believe the death penalty should never be used. Others believe it should be applicable for all cases of 1st degree murder. Where would you place yourself on this scale?

1  2  3  4  5  6  7
death for murder        no death penalty
6. Some people believe that homosexuals deserve no protection in terms of housing and job discrimination. Others support gay rights including the right to marriage. Where would you place yourself in terms of gay rights?

1  2  3  4  5  6  7
oppose  
anti-discrimination laws for gays  
support gay rights, including right to marry
7. Some people believe abortion should be allowed whenever a woman chooses. Others believe abortion should never be permitted. Still others believe there should be some restrictions regarding age or timing of or circumstance of abortion. Where would you place yourself on this scale?

1  2  3  4  5  6  7

abortion
never permitted
no restrictions
on abortion
8. Some people believe public schools should be allowed to have required prayers before class or sports competitions. Others feel only silent group prayers should be allowed. Still others feel public schools should not be allowed to organize or set time aside for prayers at all.

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9. Some people believe in giving preferences to women and/or racial minorities in order to achieve balance and integration in schools and workplaces while others see this as discriminatory. Where do you stand on affirmative action?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7
oppose racial and or gender preferences
support affirmative action
10. Some people support a constitutional amendment to make burning the U.S. flag a crime while others see it as an expression of free speech that ought to be protected. Where do you stand?

1 support
2 oppose
3 amendment
4 amendment
Please add your scores for your responses to questions 1-10. Put your total and average at the bottom of your paper.

(To get your average score, divide your total by 10.)

Please record your results for your write-up and bring them to our next class.