

An Inventory of Conscience

On a scale of 1 to 4, with 1 being Strongly Disagree and 4 being Strongly Agree, how strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Circle one number on each line.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
	1	2	3	4
1. I am unable to kill others in war.				
2. Nonviolent actions are not an effective way to correct racism, discrimination, or other social inequities.	1	2	3	4
3. Patriotism means practicing our right of dissent and working to overturn policies of our country if we believe they are wrong.	1	2	3	4
4. War is an evolutionary struggle where the strong survive and the weak don't survive.	1	2	3	4
5. The security that violence achieves is always temporary.	1	2	3	4
6. War is a necessary evil.	1	2	3	4
7. Nonviolent strategies are an effective way of achieving social change.	1	2	3	4
8. There may be times when torture is justified.	1	2	3	4
9. Civilian casualties in war (as much as 90%) are intolerable.	1	2	3	4
10. When our leaders take us to war, they are justified in doing so.	1	2	3	4
11. While some wars are justified, most wars are wrong.	1	2	3	4

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12. Violence is an inherent part of being human that we cannot change.	1	2	3	4
13. Any form of torture is unacceptable.	1	2	3	4
14. The refusal to use physical violence, even in self-defense, is a sign of weakness.	1	2	3	4
15. It is my responsibility as a citizen to question and decide whether our leaders are justified in taking us to war.	1	2	3	4
16. Justice will be ineffective unless it is backed up by the force of law and physical force.	1	2	3	4
17. Violence is something that we learn from our culture and the world around us.	1	2	3	4
18. Peace is achieved through war.	1	2	3	4
19. Nonviolence and pacifism are signs of strength.	1	2	3	4
20. I am willing to kill others in war.	1	2	3	4
21. The methods we use must be consistent with the goals we wish to achieve.	1	2	3	4
22. We are compelled by faith traditions and/or our responsibility as citizens to obey our leaders, even when they lead us to war.	1	2	3	4
23. War will never create true peace.	1	2	3	4
24. Violence is a proper response to injustice and the threat of violence.	1	2	3	4
25. I am deeply affected by the suffering of others.	1	2	3	4

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26. Nonviolence is not an effective response to physical violence.	1	2	3	4
27. Following our personal faith beliefs and/or ethics is more important than supporting our political leaders.	1	2	3	4
28. The ends (the goals) justify the means (the methods used to achieve the goals).	1	2	3	4
29. Violence leads to more violence.	1	2	3	4
30. Most wars are justified.	1	2	3	4
31. Nonviolence is an effective response to physical violence.	1	2	3	4
32. The suffering of others, while unfortunate, does not really affect me.	1	2	3	4
33. Peace is not the absence of war, but the presence of justice.	1	2	3	4
34. Patriotism means supporting our country's policies and leaders whether we feel they are right or wrong.	1	2	3	4
35. War cannot put an end to war.	1	2	3	4
36. The most effective way to stop physical violence is to respond with overwhelming physical violence.	1	2	3	4
37. If you want peace, work for justice.	1	2	3	4
38. Although there are many negative effects of war, overall, the positive effects outweigh the negative.	1	2	3	4
39. Violence breeds hatred and despair.	1	2	3	4

