Social Studies 11: Ideologies Assignment

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Government plays an important part in your day-to-day life, whether you realize it or not. Whether you are listening to the radio, watching television, eating a bowl of cereal, or driving to school, the government has a role.

Just how big of a role does government play, and what exactly should that role be? Once you are familiar with certain issues, you will be able to form your own opinions on statements such as these:

1.) _____ It is best that the government own and operate B.C. Hydro on behalf of the citizens of British Columbia, as this is better than power being supplied by several privately owned companies who would gain all profits.

2.) _____ We should continue with tradition and use both French and English labeling on all Canadian products.

3.) _____ American music is taking over Canadian Radio!! We should have a CRTC that makes rules on such things as the amount of Canadian singers that must be played on each Canadian radio station.

4.) _____ Young people should be able to drive at age 14? We must put our trust in them and believe that they will act responsibly while behind the wheel.

5.) _____ It ought to be mandatory sing or play the National Anthem before WHL hockey games. It is an important tradition that has been in existence for decades.

6.) _____ The speed limit ought to be raised on the highways.

7.) _____ Factories need to be more "forward thinking", and should use machines and robots to build automobiles.

Governments have to make decisions on issues such as these all the time, and their decisions are made based on philosophies and beliefs.

1.) For EACH issue above state whether the statement (as it is written) is more of a right-wing idea or a left-wing idea (place an "L" or an "R" in the blank to the left of the statement). Use the sheets you have been provided to help you decide. (7 marks – one each) *(7 marks)*

2.) Choose 3 of the issues above, and state whether you agree or disagree. Then offer at least two (2) quality reasons why you feel this way. (2 marks each – one mark for each reason given) *(6 marks)*