



Iconochasms

We hope you're happy with the personalities that The Political Compass has placed you closest to; but how well do you really know the famous figures that you love or love to hate?

This little wrap-up quiz offers some important facts that were barely, if ever, reported. It may raise your eyebrows and adjust the pedestals on which you placed some of your favourite icons. The chasm may be greater than you'd imagined.

1) Who in 2008 praised the Clintons as friends (and contributed to Hillary's senatorial campaigns), describing her as a tough woman who would go down in history *at a minimum as a great senator*

- ☐ Donald Trump
- ☐ Sarah Palin
- ☐ Ralph Nader
- ☐ Rudy Giuliani

Donald Trump, in an interview with NY1 journalist Dominic Carter.

2) Which US president planned the \$1 trillion modernisation of every nuclear weapon in the stockpile, as well as pursuing a new generation of nuclear armed submarines, new nuclear bomber aircraft and new land-based intercontinental ballistic missiles?

- ☐ Harry Truman
- ☐ Jimmy Carter
- ☐ Barak Obama
- ☐ Gerald Ford

Nobel Peace Prize laureate, Barak Obama

3) Who wrote of the "*impeccable economic logic*" of dumping the West's health-impairing toxic waste in "*under polluted*" Africa because the resultant cancers wouldn't have time to develop in a population with such a low life expectancy?

- ☐ Lawrence Summers
- ☐ Ralph Nader
- ☐ Robert Redford
- ☐ Hillary Clinton

Lawrence Summers, as Chief Economist for the World Bank, in a leaked memo, December 12, 1991. Brazil's Environment Minister, Jose Lutzenburger, wrote to Summers that his proposal was "perfectly logical but totally insane". Lutzenburger was fired for writing the letter. Summers went on to greater things, initially as Treasury Secretary in the final 18 months of the Clinton administration, and now as Barak Obama's Chair of the National Economic Council.

4) Who wrote: *When the Know-Nothings get control, it [the Declaration of Independence] will read: "All men are created equal except negroes, foreigners and Catholics." When it comes to this I should prefer emigrating to some country where they make no pretense of loving liberty — to Russia, for instance, where despotism can be taken pure, and without the base alloy of hypocrisy*

- ☐ Jerry Fallwell
- ☐ Abraham Lincoln
- ☐ John F. Kennedy
- ☐ Newt Gingrich

**Abraham Lincoln, letter to Joshua F Speed, August 24, 1855, from
Albert J Menendez and Edd Doerr *The Great Quotations on
Religious Freedom***

5) Who in 1997 championed the privatisation of California's National Oil Reserve, and the subsequent drilling by Occidental that resulted in serious environmental damage, destruction to a sacred Indian burial ground and a windfall for his family trust's Occidental stocks? (Occidental also put a pipeline through the Colombian rain forest.)

- ☐ Robert Redford
- ☐ Al Gore
- ☐ Ralph Nader
- ☐ David Cobb

Al Gore, as US Vice President

6) Who described the UK's decision to join the US invasion of Iraq as *in the British national economic interest*?

- ☐ Eric Hobsbawm
- ☐ David Hare
- ☐ Gordon Brown
- ☐ Glenda Jackson

Gordon Brown in The Scotsman, 4 May 2005 p.4

7) Who said *I have a horrible feeling that we are sinking into a police state*?

- ☐ George Churchill-Coleman, former head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad
- ☐ William E.Colby, former Director of the C.I.A.
- ☐ Joe Clark, former Prime Minister of Canada
- ☐ Margaret Thatcher, former Prime Minister of the U.K

**George Churchill-Coleman on the U.K., reported in The Guardian
January 28, 2005**

8) Which US Republican president wrote this?

Should any political party attempt to abolish social security, unemployment insurance, and eliminate labor laws and farm programs, you would not hear of that party again in our political history. There is a tiny splinter group, of course, that believes you can do these things. Among them are H. L. Hunt (you possibly know his background), a few other Texas oil millionaires, and an occasional politician or business man from other areas. Their number is negligible and they are stupid.

- ☐ Dwight D. Eisenhower
- ☐ Richard Nixon
- ☐ George Bush Snr
- ☐ Gerald Ford

President Dwight D. Eisenhower, in a letter to his brother Edgar on November 8, 1954

9) Who, commenting on the deaths of more than half a million children, said *I think that this is a very hard choice, but the price — we think the price is worth it?*

- ☐ Yasser Arafat
- ☐ Madeleine Albright
- ☐ Pandit Nehru
- ☐ Ayatollah Khomeini

Madeleine Albright, as US Ambassador to the United Nations, on the 60 Minutes TV programme, 12 May, 1996 She was responding to the finding of a United Nations FAO report that 567000 Iraqi children under the age of five had died as a result of sanctions. Eight months later, Bill Clinton appointed her Secretary of State.

10) Who said that the *introduction of nuclear power will both provide for the growing needs of Iran's economy and free remaining oil reserves for export or conversion to petrochemicals?*

- ☐ Henry Kissinger
- ☐ Dick Cheney
- ☐ Paul Wolfowitz
- ☐ Donald Rumsfeld

Henry Kissinger, as Secretary of State in the Ford administration, 1976. Nevertheless the other three all held key national security posts in the same administration, which endorsed Iranian plans for a massive nuclear energy industry. Further, it encouraged a multi-billion dollar deal that would have allowed Iran control of enormous amounts of plutonium and enriched uranium.

11) Who signed legislation permitting doctors to remove the life support system of patients in a persistent vegetative state, regardless of the wishes of the family?

- ☐ George W. Bush

- ☐ Ronald Reagan
- ☐ Jesse Helms
- ☐ Jeb Bush

George W.Bush, as Governor of Texas in 1999

12) Who

- (1) worked for Senator McCarthy during his red witch hunts and
- (2) permitted J.Edgar Hoover to wiretap Martin Luther King ?

- ☐ J.K. Galbraith
- ☐ Robert Kennedy
- ☐ George McGovern
- ☐ Ted Kennedy

Robert Kennedy

- (1) as McCarthy's Junior Counsel and**
- (2) as Attorney General**

13) *These so-called ill-treatments and torturing in concentration camps, stories of which were spread everywhere amongst the people, and particularly by detainees who were liberated by the occupying armies, were not, as assumed, inflicted methodically, but by individual leaders, sub-leaders, and men who laid violent hands on them.*

Who made that statement?

- ☐ John Ashcroft, referring to Abu Graib
- ☐ Donald Rumsfeld, referring to Guantanamo Bay
- ☐ Rudolf Höss, referring to Auschwitz
- ☐ Emperor Hirohito, referring to Manchuria

Rudolf Höss, Commandant of Auschwitz until 1943, in his post-war testimony

14) Who proposed that

Whosoever shall be guilty of rape, polygamy, or sodomy with a man or woman, shall be punished; if a man, by castration, a woman, by boring through the cartilage of her nose a hole of one half inch in diameter at the least?

- ☐ Oliver Cromwell
- ☐ Thomas Jefferson
- ☐ Mao Tse Tung
- ☐ Christopher Columbus

Thomas Jefferson, in the Virginia Bill number 64, 18 June 1779

15) Who held that spiritual characteristics are tied to skin colour and that non-white skin colour is a sign of spiritual defects that would be expunged in a future race war?

- ☐ Rudolf Hess
- ☐ Rudolf Steiner
- ☐ Rudolf Valentino
- ☐ Rudolf Nureyev

Rudolf Steiner, in a lecture to an anthroposophist audience in Stuttgart, 1915

The lecture is in *Die geistigen Hintergründe des Ersten Weltkrieges*, Dornach 1974 pp30-54

16) Who said

Short of changing human nature, therefore, the only way to achieve a practical, livable peace in a world of competing nations is to take the profit out of war?

- ☐ Henry Kissinger
- ☐ Lyndon Johnson
- ☐ Richard Nixon
- ☐ Ronald Reagan

Richard Nixon Real Peace 1983

17) Who wrote in 1928 that

It may be shrewdly forecast that no man will exhibit dimensions of permanent greatness equal to Mussolini?

- ☐ The Vatican Ambassador to Germany
- ☐ The US Ambassador to Italy
- ☐ The Soviet Union Ambassador to the League of Nations
- ☐ The UK Ambassador to Italy

US Ambassador to Italy, Richard Washburn Child, in his preface to Mussolini's autobiography

18) Immediately following the German invasion of the USSR, which future US President said the following?

If we see that Germany is winning, we ought to help Russia, and if Russia is winning we ought to help Germany, and that way we let them kill as many as possible.

- ☐ Harry Truman
- ☐ Richard Nixon
- ☐ Jimmy Carter
- ☐ John Kennedy

Harry Truman, New York Times, June 24 1941

19) Who said *Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in*

the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed; those who are cold and are not clothed?

- ☐ Arnold Schwarzenegger
- ☐ Dwight D.Eisenhower
- ☐ John Major
- ☐ Jimmy Carter

President Dwight D.Eisenhower, in The Chance for Peace, a speech given to the American Society of Newspaper Editors on April 16 1953

20) Who said *I do not find in our particular superstition of Christianity one redeeming feature ... Millions of innocent men, women and children, since the introduction of Christianity, have been burned, tortured, fined and imprisoned. What has been the effect of this coercion? To make half the world fools and half hypocrites; to support roguery and error all over the world.?*

- ☐ Hillary Clinton
- ☐ Thomas Edison
- ☐ Charles de Gaulle
- ☐ Thomas Jefferson

Thomas Jefferson, in his Notes on Virginia

21) Who said *Japan was already defeated ... dropping the bomb was completely unnecessary. I thought that our country should avoid shocking world opinion by the use of a weapon whose employment was no longer necessary to save American lives?*

- ☐ General Patton
- ☐ General Eisenhower
- ☐ General MacArthur
- ☐ Charles Lindberg

General Dwight D.Eisenhower, in The White House Years:Mandate for Change 1953-1956: A Personal Account (1963) p.312-313

22) Who accepted the Grand Cross of the German Eagle — the highest medal that Nazi Germany could bestow on foreigners — in July 1938, four months after the German annexation of Austria?

- ☐ J. D. Rockefeller
- ☐ Henry Ford
- ☐ King Haakon VII of Norway
- ☐ Marlene Dietrich

Henry Ford. (The following month a senior executive of General Motors, James Mooney, received a similar medal for his "distinguished services to the Reich".)

23) With reference to Tiger Woods' first Golf Masters win, who said *there'll be a spectacular increase in the number of black boys (and I do mean boys - teenagers) who begin to infest the public courses in America?*

- ☐ O. J. Simpson
- ☐ Alistair Cooke
- ☐ Mel Gibson
- ☐ Naomi Klein

Alistair Cooke in his BBC Letter from America, May 2, 1997

24) Who presented Chairman Mao Tse Tung with a bouquet of poems that lavishly praised the Chinese leader as *the timely rain to nourish the land?*

- ☐ Nancy Reagan
- ☐ The Dalai Lama
- ☐ Pope John XXIII
- ☐ Robert Frost

The Dalai Lama, on his first meeting with Mao in Beijing (then Peking) in 1954

25) Who blocked the marriage of his son and disowned him, commenting *How can I, who has always advocated renunciation of sex, encourage you to gratify it?*
(The son subsequently became a homeless alcoholic.)

- ☐ Gautama Buddha
- ☐ Martin Luther King
- ☐ Albert Schweitzer
- ☐ Mahatma Gandhi

Mahatma Gandhi, dealing with his son Harilal.

26) Which founding father said of the proposed American Constitution *This is likely to be administered for a course of years and then end in despotism ... when the people shall become so corrupted as to need despotic government, being incapable of any other ?*

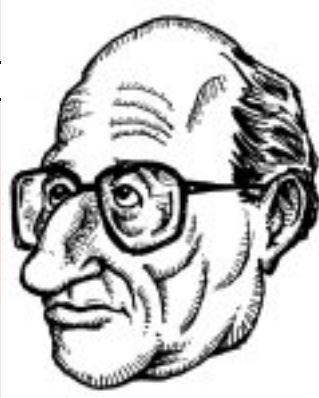
- ☐ Benjamin Franklin
- ☐ Alexander Hamilton
- ☐ Thomas Paine
- ☐ George Washington

Benjamin Franklin in a speech to delegates to the US Constitutional Convention prior to the final vote, on 17 September 1787.

27) Who said *The use of quantity of money as a target has not been a success. I'm not sure that I would as of today push it as hard as I once did.*?

- ☐ Margaret Thatcher
- ☐ Milton Friedman
- ☐ Ludwig von Mises
- ☐ Friedrich Hayek

Milton Friedman in Financial Times (UK) June 7, 2003



28) Who said of Saddam Hussein *He has not developed any significant capability with respect to weapons of mass destruction. He is unable to project conventional power against his neighbours ?*

- ☐ Colin Powell
- ☐ Donald Rumsfeld
- ☐ Dick Cheney
- ☐ Bill Clinton

Colin Powell in February 2001

29) Who said of containment against Saddam Hussein *We are able to keep arms from him. His military forces have not been rebuilt?*

- ☐ Richard Perle
- ☐ John Bolton
- ☐ Paul Wolfowitz
- ☐ Condoleezza Rice

Condoleezza Rice in July 2001

30) Who said: *I do not consider Hitler to be as bad as he is depicted. He is showing an ability that is amazing and seems to be gaining his victories without much bloodshed?*

- ☐ Winston Churchill
- ☐ Albert Einstein
- ☐ Mahatma Gandhi
- ☐ George Orwell

Mahatma Gandhi, May 1940

31) Who said: *I am strongly in favour of using poisonous gas against uncivilised tribes ... to spread a lively terror ?*

- ☐ Albert Schweitzer
- ☐ Winston Churchill
- ☐ Princess Diana
- ☐ Ché Guevara

Winston Churchill, writing as President of the Air Council, in 1919



32) Who granted several audiences to, and received a donation of more than \$1 million from Shoko Asahara, leader of the Supreme Truth cult of Japan, and spreader of sarin gas in the Tokyo subway?

- ☐ The Dalai Lama
- ☐ Pope John Paul II
- ☐ George Carey, as Archbishop of Canterbury
- ☐ Maharishi Mahesh Yogi

The Dalai Lama, in 1982

33) Which politician travelled to Indonesia and received a \$10 million donation from dictator Suharto to help party funds, while avoiding criticism of Indonesia's repressive policies, including political imprisonment?

- ☐ Margaret Thatcher
- ☐ Fidel Castro
- ☐ Nelson Mandela
- ☐ Tony Blair

Nelson Mandela, in October 1990, six months after his own release from prison

34) Who warned of the *acquisition of unwarranted influence by the US military-industrial complex and its potential to endanger liberties and the democratic processes ?*



- ☐ General Alexander Haig
- ☐ President Eisenhower
- ☐ Nelson Rockefeller
- ☐ J. Edgar Hoover

President Eisenhower, in his Final Address to the Nation, January 17, 1961

35) With reference to World War One, who said: *If our country were defeated, I hope we should find a champion as admirable (as Hitler) to restore our courage and lead us back to our place among the nations ?*

- ☐ General Montgomery
- ☐ Winston Churchill
- ☐ King George VI
- ☐ Bertrand Russell

Winston Churchill, in his Great Contemporaries, 1937

36) Who was an enthusiastic and uncritical guest of the dictatorships of Haiti and Albania, and the phalangists in Lebanon?

- ☐ Jane Fonda
- ☐ Mother Teresa of Calcutta
- ☐ Princess Diana
- ☐ The Dalai Lama

Mother Teresa of Calcutta

37) Who referred to the Munich chapter of the German Communist Party as *chaotic, filthy and full of Jews*?

- ☐ Edward VIII, later Duke of Windsor
- ☐ Eugenio Pacelli, later Pope Pius XII
- ☐ Cassius Clay, later Mohammed Ali
- ☐ Michael Ramsay, later Archbishop of Canterbury

**Eugenio Pacelli, later Pope Pius XII
quoted in Hitler's Pope by John Cornwell, Fellow of the Royal
Society of Literature, and Senior Research fellow at Jesus
College, Cambridge, UK**

38) With reference to the US conquest and annexation of a third of Mexico, who said: *What has miserable, inefficient Mexico to do with the great mission of peopling the New World with a noble race?*

- ☐ Walt Whitman
- ☐ Mark Twain
- ☐ Henry Thoreau
- ☐ Edgar Allan Poe

Walt Whitman

39) Who urged suspicious attention to any proposed new law or regulation that comes from businessmen, because they *have generally an interest to deceive and even to oppress the public?*

- ☐ Henry Ford

- ☐ Bill Gates
- ☐ Adam Smith
- ☐ Milton Friedman

Adam Smith in *The Wealth of Nations*

40) Who wrote of God: *He says naïvely, outspokenly and without suggestion of embarrassment "I, the Lord thy God, am a jealous God."*
It is only another way of saying "I, the Lord thy God, am a small God; fretful about small things"?

- ☐ Billy Graham
- ☐ General Patton
- ☐ Mark Twain
- ☐ Jerry Springer

Mark Twain, in *Letters from the Earth*

41) Who declared homosexuality to be *immoral* and disgusting ?

- ☐ Emma Goldman
- ☐ Germaine Greer
- ☐ Eleanor Roosevelt
- ☐ Ayn Rand

Ayn Rand, at her Ford Hall appearance, 1971

42) Who said this ?

To occupy Iraq would instantly shatter our coalition, turning the whole Arab world against us and make a broken tyrant into a latter-day hero ... assigning young soldiers to a fruitless hunt for a securely entrenched dictator and condemning them to fight in what would be an un-winnable urban guerilla war. It could only plunge that part of the world into even greater instability.

- ☐ Tony Blair
- ☐ George Bush Snr
- ☐ Henry Kissinger
- ☐ Charlton Heston

George Bush Snr, in *A World Transformed*, 1998

43) Who paid an official visit to China, described Beijing as *ghastly* and warned a group of foreign students *If you stay here much longer, you'll all be slitty-eyed?*

- ☐ Ronald Reagan
- ☐ The Duke of Edinburgh

- ☐ Jacques Chirac
- ☐ Richard Branson

The Duke of Edinburgh, 1986

44) Who demonised Jews and urged the destruction of their synagogues and houses, the seizing of their valuables and the denial of their prayer books and passports?

- ☐ Martin Luther
- ☐ Thomas Paine
- ☐ St. Francis
- ☐ Oliver Cromwell

Martin Luther, in his 1543 pamphlet Concerning the Jews and their Lies

45) Who expressed humanitarian abhorrence of the death penalty, declaring that *to kill a man in a paroxysm of passion is understandable, but to have him killed by someone else after calm and serious meditation and on the pretext of duty honourably discharged is incomprehensible?*

- ☐ Ivan the Terrible
- ☐ The Marquis deSade
- ☐ Rasputin
- ☐ Benito Mussolini

The Marquis deSade

46) Who, commenting on World War Two, said: *Jews should have offered themselves to the butcher's knife. They should have thrown themselves into the sea from cliffs?*

- ☐ Mahatma Gandhi
- ☐ Leonard Cohen
- ☐ Nelson Mandela
- ☐ John Lennon

Mahatma Gandhi, on absolute non-violence, speaking to biographer Louis Fisher in June 1946.

47) Which country elected a World War II fascist war criminal (Class A) as a peacetime leader?

- ☐ Germany
- ☐ Japan
- ☐ Italy
- ☐ Croatia

Japan: Tojo cabinet minister Nobusuke Kishi became Prime Minister in 1957, eight years after his release from prison.

48) Which faith still requires its ministers/priests to condone capital punishment?

- ☐ Tibetan Buddhism
- ☐ Church of England
- ☐ Roman Catholicism
- ☐ Unitarianism

Church of England. Its 37th Article, to which all priests assent, holds that the Laws of the Realm may punish Christian men with death, for heinous and greivous offences.

49) Who described Benito Mussolini as *that admirable Italian gentleman*?

- ☐ Franklin D. Roosevelt
- ☐ Ernest Hemingway
- ☐ Dorothy Parker
- ☐ Humphrey Bogart

Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933

50) Which faith organisation warned that *the acquisition and practice of music is unfavourable to the health of the soul*?

- ☐ Unitarians
- ☐ Buddhists
- ☐ Quakers
- ☐ Jains

Quakers, at their UK Yearly Meeting, 1846

51) The pro-fascist leaders of which company joined the DuPont family in plotting a military coup against President F.D.Roosevelt in 1933?

- ☐ US Steel
- ☐ Remington Arms
- ☐ J.P.Morgan
- ☐ Standard Oil
- ☐ All of them!

All of them. Twice decorated Major General Smedley Butler testified before the McCormack Dickstein Congressional Committee in 1934 that a cabal of pro-fascist and pro-national socialist Wall Street financiers had approached him to lead the

coup. The Committee confirmed Butler's testimony, but deleted extensive excerpts from their report relating to the above and other corporations.

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