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Hypothetical Situation	1	2	3	4	5
A student refuses to stand for the national anthem at a public school because of a political protest.					
A person creates a political cartoon that makes fun of the president and his or her family.					
A professional football player wears a T-shirt criticizing the government during a televised match.					
A student posts a video online making fun of a teacher who gave the student a bad grade.					
A school removes a book from its library because some parents say that the book contains offensive political ideas.					
A famous singer uses a concert to tell the audience to vote for a particular political candidate.					
A protester blocks the entrance to a government building and refuses to leave until the government changes a law.					
A person posts online that a politician “deserves to die” because of his or her political decisions.					
A public school student wears clothing with a political message that many other students find offensive.					
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Hypothetical Situation	1	2	3	4	5
A journalist publishes a story criticizing a government policy, even after the government asks the journalist not to publish it.					
A famous athlete refuses to answer a journalist’s questions and says that journalists are “the enemy of the people.”					
A student refuses to stand for the national anthem at a public school because of a political protest.					
A person publishes a book arguing that one political group is dangerous and should never be allowed to govern the country.					
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A famous singer uses a concert to tell the audience to vote for a particular political candidate.					
A person publishes an article in a newspaper accusing the president of making terrible political decisions.					
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Hypothetical Situation	1	2	3	4	5
A public school student wears clothing with a political message that many other students find offensive.					
A person creates a political cartoon that makes fun of the president and his or her family.					
A school removes a book from its library because some parents say that the book contains offensive political ideas.					
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A protester blocks the entrance to a government building and refuses to leave until the government changes a law.					
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Hypothetical Situation	1	2	3	4	5
A person publishes an article in a newspaper accusing the president of making terrible political decisions.					
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A person creates a political cartoon that makes fun of the president and his or her family.					
A student writes a poem about destroying the school, but says that the poem is only a work of fiction.					
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Hypothetical Situation	1	2	3	4	5
A person posts online that a politician “deserves to die” because of his or her political decisions.					
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Hypothetical Situation	1	2	3	4	5
A school removes a book from its library because some parents say that the book contains offensive political ideas.					
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Hypothetical Situation	1	2	3	4	5
A professional football player wears a T-shirt criticizing the government during a televised match.					
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A student creates a social media account to criticize the school’s rules and the school principal.					
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