Am I a Republican, a Democrat or an Independent? – Choose the answer that you agree with more. By Maggie Hagan-Brayton, El Centro, Boston, MA

ABORTION

- a. ____ I'm pro-life. Abortion should not be allowed.
- b. ____ I'm pro-choice. A woman should be able to make decisions about her body and choose to terminate a pregnancy if she wants to.

MARRIAGE

- a. ____ Marriage should be between one man and one woman only. This is a family.
- b. ____ Gay and lesbian couples should be allowed to marry and adopt children.

HEALTHCARE

- a.____ Everyone should be able to choose different health care plans, or choose not to have health care.
- b.____ The government should provide health care for everyone.

GUNS

- a.____ Everyone should have the right to have a gun.
- b.____ We should protect our community by limiting who can have guns.

EDUCATION

- a.____ Cities and states should control education.
- b.____ The national government should make sure that all children get a good education.
- a.____ Private businesses should give students loans to pay for college.
- b.____ The government should give students loans to pay for college.

SEX EDUCATION

- a.____ Youth and teenagers should only be taught about abstinence at school (no sex before marriage).
- b.____ Youth and teenagers should learn about birth control and other sexual options at school.

TAXES

- a.____ Businesses shouldn't have to pay high taxes because they create jobs. Rich people shouldn't have to pay more taxes than other people.
- b.____ We should tax rich people and businesses more than poor and middle-class people and students.

ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

- a. ____ Our country should use its natural resources to help the country grow. Climate change (global warming) has not been proven.
- b.____ Our country should find sustainable resources and to save the world from climate change Global warming is a serious problem.

DRUGS

- a.____ Marijuana should be illegal
- b.____ Marijuana should be legal

IMMIGRATION

- a.____ Immigrants should only come here legally and businesses should hire only legal immigrants. Undocumented immigrants should not be allowed to stay in the United States.
- b.____ Undocumented immigrants should be helped to learn English, become legal, pay taxes and stay with their families. I believe we need to completely change the immigration system.

MILITARY

- a.____ We should spend money on a strong army to protect our country. We fight when necessary.
- b.____ We should find other ways to solve problems whenever possible. Only fight as our last choice.

INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNITY

- a.____ Individuals should be responsible for themselves and should be free to live their life how they choose.
- b.____ We have a responsibility for our community's health and well-being.