

ON A SCALE FROM ONE TO TEN

I have been writing about ROL, how it started and who started it, and who makes up ROL today. I suggested that we were practically cloned, that most of us grew up in the same neighborhood, with similar parents and similar values. But then I started thinking about differences, and realized that there are many more differences than I initially assumed. From our earliest days, we exhibited different interests. Over the years, we moved in different directions, politically, professionally, recreationally, even religiously.

I thought it would be interesting to identify a wide variety of topics, establish a scale, and place ourselves on it. Like a survey. Some may measure values, interests, skills, traits. At random, here are different categories on which I will place myself, and then ask my friends to place themselves. It may be a good way to lose friends and create disputes, but I am willing to risk it. I used to say, "Everything in moderation" which would result in lots of 5's, but that is not me politically.

So, on a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 is the least, which you least favor, which least describes you, to 5 which suggests neutrality, to 10 which you most favor, or most describes you, here goes:

POLITICAL

Liberal, Progressive 10

Gun control 10

Government Health Care 10

Abortion Rights

Taxation

Civil Rights, Civil Liberties

Immigration Reform

Voting Rights

Police Review

Drug control

Free pre-school, college

Free trade

Conservation

Nuclear Energy

Public transportation

Gov't Surveillance

JEWISH

Organizational involvement (incl.non-Jewish)

Synagogue attendance

Support for Jewish causes

Transmission to children

Israel

Yiddish

RECREATION

Participant (Tennis etc)

Exercise (gym, swimming, walking)

Team sports

Observer of professional sports—baseball, basketball, football, hockey, etc

Board games and cards

Theatre, concerts,

Reading, book club

travel

TV, Radio, Recorded music,

Art, photography, writing, hobbies, gardening,