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1984 & Media Literacy Unit - Anticipation Guide

Directions: Rate the following statements on a scale from 1-6, then write a brief statement as to why you rated it as you did. Keep these ratings in mind as you learn about Media Literacy and read *1984*, while considering whether Orwell and various characters in this novel feel the same way you do.

Rating
1-----2-----3-----4-----5-----6
agree strongly **disagree strongly**

1. ___ Anonymous “tip lines” allowing citizens to report suspicious behavior to the government are a good idea.
2. ___ Books with controversial content should be censored.
3. ___ The less educated are happier with society and/or their life because “ignorance is bliss.”
4. ___ For an idea to exist, we must have words to express it.
5. ___ Governments should use security cameras in public places to reduce crime.
6. ___ If I know something to be true ($2+2=4$) no one could ever make me believe otherwise.
7. ___ If the government can prove you were *thinking* about committing a crime, they should be able to arrest you.
8. ___ It **is** appropriate for the government to listen in to my phone conversations – “If I’m not doing anything wrong, I have nothing to worry about.”
9. ___ The government has a right to know what people are reading so they may determine who might be a threat.
10. ___ It **is** proper for the government to limit civil liberties at times of war.
11. ___ It is unpatriotic to question your government during times of war.
12. ___ Our government is the best source of unbiased news.
13. ___ Reporters should be required to have their stories approved by the government before their articles are printed.
14. ___ “The ends justify the means.”
15. ___ “The enemy of my enemy is my friend.”
16. ___ The government should be able to hold people without charge if they are suspected of being a serious threat to the government.
17. ___ The right to privacy is more important than our national security.
18. ___ Patriotism means supporting your government during times of war.
19. ___ To assure our country’s freedom, the government should be able to spy on its citizens.
20. ___ Torture is an appropriate way to gather intelligence as long as the prisoner does not die.
21. ___ War is a valid means of achieving peace.
22. ___ The media is always telling the truth.