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

\[\begin{array}{c}
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\
\text{agree strongly} & \text{disagree strongly}
\end{array}\]

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.