

Handout #2a Where Do You Stand? Society, Labour and Social Justice

In column one, decide what each statement means to you. Then answer the following statements either true (T) or false (F). After you have answered all eleven, find a student to discuss with you. Try to convince your fellow student to change his/her opinion, attempting to come to a consensus on all eleven statements. Of course, you may or may not be convinced to change your opinion. Nevertheless, if you do come to an agreement, put your new joint true or false answers into column 2. If you cannot come to an agreement on all eleven find another student to debate with. Once you have a partner who agrees with all eleven statements, attempt to find another pair to join your group by debating the questions, and then you are a group of four... then eight...

# of People	1	2	4	8	?
All jobs in Canada should be open to both sexes					
A higher minimum wage will lead to higher unemployment					
Men and women in Canada make about the same income.					
Unions and environmentalists have fundamentally different goals					
Nurses, Firefighters and Doctors should not have the right to strike					
Seniority in hiring discriminates against younger workers					
Unions were important at one time, but in Canada today, unions have outlived their usefulness					
Higher taxes on the rich and lower taxes on the poor is fair					
Canadian workers need to lower their expectations to be able to compete with foreign workers					
Collective bargaining in the workplace protects workers and is good for Canada					
Countries with a higher number of unions have a higher standard of living than countries with a low number of unions.					