

Bridging and Bonding

How Can We Create Engaged Communities in a Time of Rapid Change?

Now that you've had a chance to participate in a forum on this issue, we'd like to know what you are thinking. Your opinions, along with those of thousands of others who participated in these forums, will be reflected in a summary report that will be available to all citizens, including those who took part in the forums, as well as officeholders, members of the news media, and others in your community.

| | Strongly Agree | Somewhat Agree | Somewhat Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Not Sure |
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| 1. Do you agree or disagree with the statements below? | | | | | |
| a. Parental fears about predatory strangers cause them to send exaggerated messages of distrust to their children. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Self interest plays the major role in decisions people make about whether and where they volunteer. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. New technologies such as the Internet and social media, offer excellent opportunities for revitalizing community life. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Too many voluntary organizations rely on traditional customs and outmoded practices to bring in new members. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. If men contributed more to caring for household needs, working women would be more active in their communities. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. Lasting bonds with one another, and with our communities, can only be formed by in-person interaction. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Do you favor or oppose each of these actions? | | | | | |
| a. Schools should develop more internship opportunities that help students gain skills needed for employment, EVEN IF this means weakening the emphasis on service in favor of appealing to self-interest. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Libraries and schools should make new technologies available to everyone, EVEN IF they would often be used only for personal business. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Civic groups should sponsor recreational events that would be more appealing to prospective new members, EVEN IF this drives current members away. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Families should teach their children to trust other people, EVEN IF this may increase the risk of harm from predators. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Local governments should encourage the formation of neighborhood crime watch groups, EVEN IF this raises the possibility of recruiting overzealous members. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. Community organizations should reach out to individuals with special skills who are only willing to help out occasionally, EVEN IF this puts a heavier burden on other members who are responsible for keeping the organization going. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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QUESTIONNAIRE

- | | Strongly Favor | Somewhat Favor | Somewhat Oppose | Strongly Oppose | Not Sure |
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| 2. Do you favor or oppose each of these actions? (continued) | | | | | |
| g. Educational and arts groups should sponsor more programs that foster a shared sense of identity, EVEN IF this diverts civic energy from more pressing problems such as inadequate schools or public health. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| h. Civic organizations should make greater use of social media to communicate, EVEN IF this may drive away older members. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| i. Communities should establish more parks and other public spaces, EVEN IF this may cause inconveniences for businesses and homeowners bordering these areas. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

3. Are you thinking differently about this issue now that you have participated in the forum? Yes No

If yes, how? _____

4. In your forum, did you talk about aspects of the issues you hadn't considered before? Yes No

If yes, please explain. _____

5. What, if anything, might citizens in your community do differently as a result of this forum?

6. Not including this forum, how many National Issues Forums have you attended?

0 1-3 4-6 7 or more Not sure

7. Are you male or female? Male Female

8. How old are you?

17 or younger 18-30 31-45 46-64 65 or older

9. Are you: African American Asian American Hispanic or Latino American Indian/Native American
 White/Caucasian Other (please specify) _____

10. Where do you live? Rural Small Town Large City Suburban

11. What is your ZIP code? _____ What state do you live in? _____

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