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The following questions are about your experience in the Citizen Deliberation. The questions use a five point scale, with one being a waste of time and five being very valuable. For each question, please circle a number on the scale that best represents your answer. If you are not sure, please circle six (6).

1. On a scale of one (1) to five (5), with one (1) being generally a waste of time and five (5) being very valuable, please rate your overall experience in the Citizen Deliberation.

Waste of time	Neither a waste of time nor valuable	Very valuable	Don't know		
1	2	3	4	5	6

2. How valuable was the briefing document in helping you clarify your positions?

Waste of time	Neither a waste of time nor valuable	Very valuable	Don't know		
1	2	3	4	5	6

3. How valuable were the group discussions in helping you clarify your positions?

Waste of time	Neither a waste of time nor valuable	Very valuable	Don't know		
1	2	3	4	5	6

4. How valuable was the panel in helping you clarify your positions?

Waste of time	Neither a waste of time nor valuable	Very valuable	Don't know		
1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....	6

Please tell us how much you agree or disagree with the following statement.

5. My small group moderator provided the opportunity for everyone to express his or her opinion.

Strongly disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Strongly agree	Don't know		
1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....	6

The following are questions about the government. For each question, please circle the number on the scale that best represents your answer. If you are not sure, circle 8.

6. If a one (1) represents the view that the federal government should see to it that every person has a job and a good standard of living and a seven (7) represents the view that the government should just let each person get ahead on their own, where would you place yourself on this scale?

Government involvement	People get ahead on own	Don't know					
1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....	6.....	7.....	8

7. If a one (1) represents the view that the government in Washington ought to reduce income differences between the rich and the poor and a seven (7) represents the view that the government should not concern itself with reducing income differences between the rich and the poor, where would you place yourself on this scale?

Government involvement	Government <u>not</u> involved	Don't know					
1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....	6.....	7.....	8

8. If a one (1) represents the view that the government should provide fewer services, even in areas such as health and education, in order to reduce spending and a seven (7) represents the view that the government should provide many more services, even if it means an increase in spending, where would you place yourself on this scale?

Reduced spending	More services	Don't know					
1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....	6.....	7.....	8

9. If a one (1) represents the view that the government is trying to do too many things that should be left to individuals and businesses and a seven (7) represents the view that the government is not doing enough to solve our country's problems, where would you place yourself on this scale?

Government doing too much		Government not doing enough	Don't know
1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8

10. Some people think the government should promote traditional values in our society. Others think the government should not favor any particular set of values. Which comes closer to your own view? (Please circle one)

- A. Government should promote traditional values
- B. Government should not favor any set of values
- C. No opinion

On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 is completely unimportant, 10 is extremely important, and 5 is exactly in between, how important do you think each of the following is to being a good citizen? If you have no opinion, please circle 11.

11. Voting in elections

Completely unimportant		Exactly in between		Extremely important	Don't know
0	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11

12. Discussing politics with others

Completely unimportant		Exactly in between		Extremely important	Don't know
0	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11

13. Being informed about politics and political issues

Completely unimportant		Exactly in between		Extremely important	Don't know
0	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11

14. Serving one's country through military or other public service

Completely unimportant	Exactly in between	Extremely important	Don't know								
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11

15. Actively participating as a member of a civic, political or community organization

Completely unimportant	Exactly in between	Extremely important	Don't know								
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11

16. How much influence do you think someone like you can have over local government decisions?
(Please circle one)

- A. A lot
- B. Some
- C. Very little
- D. None at all

17. In general, do you think of yourself as...? (Please circle one)

- A. Very liberal
- B. Liberal
- C. Somewhat liberal
- D. Moderate, middle of the road
- E. Somewhat conservative
- F. Conservative
- G. Very conservative
- H. Haven't thought much about it

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Please circle one answer for each of the following questions.

1. Which of the following is most responsible for making New Mexico a healthy state?
 - A. Each of us as individuals
 - B. Local and state government
 - C. Federal government
 - D. Private industry

2. Which one of the following would most likely cause you to maintain a healthier lifestyle?
 - A. A financial incentive from your employer or health insurer for meeting certain health standards.
 - B. The threat of an insurance premium surcharge if you do not meet certain health standards.
 - C. Extensive health education and promotion programs at work or school.

3. If you were required to pay a larger portion of your health care costs through higher co-pays and deductibles, would you be more or less likely to get regular checkups and preventative care?
 - A. More likely
 - B. Less likely
 - C. No difference

The following two questions are about the government. For each question, please circle a number on the scale that best represents your answer. If you have no opinion, please circle eight (8).

4. On a scale of 1 to 7, where 1 means that you think it is government’s moral responsibility to provide universal health coverage, and 7 that government has no moral responsibility to provide universal health coverage, where would you place yourself on this scale?

Government’s moral responsibility		Government has no moral responsibility	Don’t know
1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8

5. On a scale of 1 to 7, where 1 means that you think government should have more control over health care costs and insurance, and 7 means that you think government should have no control over health care costs and insurance, where would you place yourself on this scale?

Government should have more control		Government should have no control	Don’t know
1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8

Below is a list of problems our health system might face. On a scale of 1 to 7, with 1 being completely unimportant and 7 being extremely important, how important do you think it is to take action on each of the following? If you don’t know, please circle 8.

6. The cost of health insurance.

Completely unimportant		Extremely important	Don’t know
1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8

7. The number of New Mexicans without health insurance.

Completely unimportant		Extremely important	Don’t know
1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8

8. The cost of prescription drugs.

Completely unimportant		Extremely important	Don’t know
1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8

9. The quality of health care provided to people with insurance.

Completely unimportant							Extremely important	Don't know
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	

10. Fraud and waste within the medical community.

Completely unimportant							Extremely important	Don't know
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	

11. Efficiency and effectiveness of government health programs.

Completely unimportant							Extremely important	Don't know
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	

12. The ability of individuals to maintain healthy lifestyles.

Completely unimportant							Extremely important	Don't know
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	

Please circle one answer for each of the following questions.

13. Which one of these issues is **most** important to you?

- A. Cost of health insurance
- B. Number of uninsured New Yorkers
- C. Cost of prescription drugs
- D. Quality of health care
- E. Fraud and waste in the medical community
- F. Efficiency and effectiveness of government health programs
- G. The ability of individuals to maintain healthy lifestyles

14. And which one of these issues is the **second** most important to you?

- A. Cost of health insurance
- B. Number of uninsured New Yorkers
- C. Cost of prescription drugs
- D. Quality of health care
- E. Fraud and waste in the medical community
- F. Efficiency and effectiveness of government health programs
- G. The ability of individuals to maintain healthy lifestyles

Please tell us how much you agree or disagree with the following two statements.

15. Health care policy issues are so complicated that a person like me can't really understand what is going on.

- A. Agree Strongly
- B. Agree Somewhat
- C. Neither Agree or Disagree
- D. Disagree Somewhat
- E. Disagree Strongly

16. I think our community offers plenty of opportunity for citizens to engage in meaningful discussion with local and state policymakers regarding important issues.

- A. Agree Strongly
- B. Agree Somewhat
- C. Don't Agree or Disagree
- D. Disagree Somewhat
- E. Disagree Strongly