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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**

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

**Completely
unimportant**

**Exactly
in between**

**Extremely
important**

**Don't
know**

01234567891011

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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1. My small group moderator sometimes tried to get us to agree on the issues.

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

2. My small group moderator sometimes tried to influence the group with his or her own views.

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

3. Most public policy issues are so complicated that a person like me can't really understand what's going on.

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

4. If a one (1) represents that you are *not at all* knowledgeable about the issue of immigration, and a seven (7) represents that you are *very* knowledgeable about the issue of immigration, where would you place yourself on this scale? If you don't know, please circle 8.

Not at all knowledgeable		Very knowledgeable	Don't know
1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....
5.....	6.....	7.....	8

5. Which comes closer to your view, thinking about the long-run; illegal immigrants become productive members of the community and pay their fair share of taxes, OR illegal immigrants cost the taxpayers too much by using government-funded services? Please circle one.

- A. Become productive members of the community
- B. Cost taxpayers too much
- C. Don't know

6. How would you personally be affected if your local and state governments were to discourage illegal immigration to the region?

- A. I would benefit personally.
- B. I would be harmed personally.
- C. I would personally benefit in some ways and be harmed in other ways.
- D. I would not be personally affected.

7. Undocumented immigrants take jobs that native-born Americans are *not willing* to take for the wages offered.

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

8. A proposal being discussed here in Connecticut would allow illegal immigrants who have attended high school in the state to pay resident, or in-state, tuition rates to attend a Connecticut public university or college, rather than paying higher, out-of-state rates. Do you favor or oppose allowing illegal immigrants to pay in-state tuition for Connecticut public colleges and universities?

Strongly favor		Neither favor nor oppose		Strongly oppose		Don't know
1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....	6	

9. The state government should penalize Connecticut businesses that knowingly hire illegal immigrants.

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

10. I think it's good that New Haven instituted a resident identification card.

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

If you live in New Haven, please skip question 11 and go to question 12.

11. I think my community should institute a resident identification card like New Haven's.

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

12. Which of the following three statements best reflects your views?

A. I think my community should enact policies to discourage illegal immigrants from coming to this community.

B. I think my community should enact policies that make illegal immigrants feel welcome in this community.

C. I do not think my community should enact any policies concerning immigrants.

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

13. Trying to enforce rules on hiring illegal immigrants is a waste of time, because employers have to hire them if they are going to stay competitive.

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

Please tell us if you feel the following statements are true or false.

14. The majority of immigrants in Connecticut are undocumented.

- A. True
- B. False

15. New Haven is the only town in the region that has experienced a significant increase in the number of immigrants since 1990.

- A. True
- B. False

16. Which of the following decides who is legally entitled to work in this region?

- A. Employers
- B. Local governments
- C. State government
- D. Federal government

Again, please tell us how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.

17. I support measures to keep employers from hiring undocumented immigrants, even if that means paying higher prices for goods and services.

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

18. It's better for Connecticut to accept undocumented immigrants than to see jobs go overseas where labor is cheaper.

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

19. If illegal immigrants pay taxes, they should be permitted to work and use services in Connecticut.

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

20. In the last 12 months, have you worked together with someone or some group to solve a problem in the community where you live?

- A. No, not at all
- B. Once
- C. More than once