



Dialogues in Democracy: Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness

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NATIONAL SELF ADMINISTERED REGISTRATION QUESTIONNAIRE

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4. 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

5. 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 an opinion, please circle 11.

6. 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

7. 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

8. 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

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

**Completely
unimportant**

**Exactly
in between**

**Extremely
important**

**Don't
know**

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

**Completely
unimportant**

**Exactly
in between**

**Extremely
important**

**Don't
know**

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11. 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

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Please circle a number to indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statement. One (1) represents strongly disagree; 5 represents strongly agree.

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

Strongly Disagree						Strongly Agree	Don't Know
1	.....	2	.....	3	.....	4	.....
						5	.....
							6

2. If a one (1) represents that you are *not at all* knowledgeable about the issue of immigration, and a five (5) represents that you are *very* knowledgeable about the issue of immigration, where would you place yourself on this scale?

Not at all Knowledgeable							Very Knowledgeable
1	.....	2	.....	3	.....	4	.....
						5	.....
							6
							7

3. 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?

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

4. 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.

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

Strongly Disagree					Strongly Agree	Don't Know
1	.....	2	.....	3	.....	4
					5	.....
						6

6. 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					Strongly Oppose	No Opinion
1	.....	2	.....	3	.....	4
					5	.....
						6

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

Strongly Disagree					Strongly Agree	Don't Know
1	.....	2	.....	3	.....	4
					5	.....
						6

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

Strongly Disagree					Strongly Agree	Don't Know
1	.....	2	.....	3	.....	4
					5	.....
						6

If you live in New Haven, please skip question 9 and go to question 10.

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

Strongly Disagree					Strongly Agree	Don't Know
1	.....	2	.....	3	.....	4
					5	.....
						6

10. Which of the following three statements best reflects your views? Please only circle one.

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.

11. 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						Strongly Agree	Don't Know
1	.....	2	.....	3	.....	4	.....
						5	.....
							6

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

12. The majority of immigrants in Connecticut are undocumented

A. True B. False

13. 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

14. 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, using the scale below, where 1 stands for strongly disagree and 7 stands for strongly agree, please tell us how much you agree or disagree with the following statements. If you don't know, please circle 8.

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

Strongly Disagree						Strongly Agree	Don't Know
1	.....	2	.....	3	.....	4	.....
						5	.....
							6

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

Strongly Disagree								Strongly Agree	Don't Know	
1	2	3	4	5	6

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

Strongly Disagree								Strongly Agree	Don't Know	
1	2	3	4	5	6