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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**

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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**

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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. Compared to ten years ago, would you say getting a university education is more important, less important, or about the same?
 - A. More important
 - B. Less important
 - C. About the same
 - D. Haven't thought much about it

2. In terms of the quality of the education they provide, what grade would you give Ohio's **public** universities?
 - A. A
 - B. B
 - C. C
 - D. D
 - E. Fail
 - F. Haven't thought much about it

3. In terms of the quality of the education they provide, what grade would you give Ohio's **private** universities?
 - A. A
 - B. B
 - C. C
 - D. D
 - E. Fail
 - F. Haven't thought much about it

4. In terms of the quality of the education they provide, what grade would you give public universities in the nation as a whole?
- A. A
 - B. B
 - C. C
 - D. D
 - E. Fail
 - F. Haven't thought much about it

5. How important is it that a four-year university education be available to every citizen? Please use the scale below, where 0 stands for unimportant and 10 stands for very important.

Very unimportant	Very important
0	10
1	9
2	8
3	7
4	6
5	5
6	4
7	3
8	2
9	1

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

6. If someone really wants to go to a university, they can find a way to pay for it, even if they have to go to school and work at the same time.
- A. Agree Strongly
 - B. Agree
 - C. Disagree
 - D. Disagree Strongly
7. Almost anyone who needs financial help to go to a university can get loans or financial aid.
- A. Agree Strongly
 - B. Agree
 - C. Disagree
 - D. Disagree Strongly
8. It is the state's responsibility to help citizens with university tuition.
- A. Agree Strongly
 - B. Agree
 - C. Disagree
 - D. Disagree Strongly

On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 is completely unimportant, 10 is extremely important, and 5 is exactly in between, how important are each of the following?

9. A four-year university education prepare people for the workplace?

**Completely
unimportant**

**Exactly
in between**

**Extremely
important**

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10. A four-year university education prepare people to be responsible citizens?

**Completely
unimportant**

**Exactly
in between**

**Extremely
important**

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11. A four-year university education prepare people for a life of self-discovery and personal learning?

**Completely
unimportant**

**Exactly
in between**

**Extremely
important**

012345678910

Please circle one answer for each of the following questions.

12. Which of these do you think is **most** important?

- A. Prepare people for the workplace
- B. Prepare people to be responsible citizens
- C. Prepare people for a life of self-discovery and personal learning

13. And which do you think is **second** most important?

- A. Prepare people for the workplace
- B. Prepare people to be responsible citizens
- C. Prepare people for a life of self-discovery and personal learning

14. To what degree do you think your elected representatives share your priorities about higher education? If you think their priorities are completely different from yours, circle 1. If you think their priorities are completely the same, circle 10 and if it is about half and half answer 5. If you don't know, please circle 11.

Completely different	Half and half	Completely the same								
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

15. How much influence do you think you have over setting future priorities for higher education in Ohio? Please use the following scale where 1 stands for no influence and 10 stands for much influence. Please circle 11 if you don't know.

No influence	Much influence									
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

16. How much do you agree with the following statement? Because public universities are supported by taxpayers, citizens should have some influence in setting priorities for higher education.

- A. Agree Strongly
- B. Agree
- C. Disagree
- D. Disagree Strongly

17. How effective are citizen forums and public discussions in helping you form opinions and make decisions about public issues? Please use the following scale where 1 stands for very effective and 10 stands for not effective. Please circle 11 if you don't know.

Very effective	Not effective									
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10