



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

**October 2007**

**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?

<b>Government doing too much</b>		<b>Government not doing enough</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
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

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

7. Discussing politics with others

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

8. Being informed about politics and political issues

<b>Completely unimportant</b>		<b>Exactly in between</b>		<b>Extremely important</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
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**

0 .....1 .....2 .....3 .....4 .....5 .....6 .....7 .....8 .....9 .....10 .....11

10. 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

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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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?

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please circle one answer for each of the following questions.

4. 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

5. 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

6. 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 0. If you think their priorities are completely the same, circle 10 and if it is about half and half answer 5.

**Completely  
different**

**Exactly  
in between**

**Completely  
the same**

0 .....1 .....2 .....3 .....4 .....5 .....6 .....7 .....8 .....9 .....10

7. How much influence do you think you have over setting future priorities for higher education in Ohio? Please use the following scale where 0 stands for no influence and 10 stands for much influence.

**No  
influence**

**Much  
influence**

0 .....1 .....2 .....3 .....4 .....5 .....6 .....7 .....8 .....9 .....10

8. 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.

**Very  
effective**

**Not  
effective**

0 .....1 .....2 .....3 .....4 .....5 .....6 .....7 .....8 .....9 .....10

**Please circle one answer for each of the following questions.**

9. In the last 12 months, have you initiated any contacts with an elected official on the state or local level – a governor or mayor, or a member of a city or town council – or someone on the staff of such an elected official?

A. Yes

B. No

10. Have you attended a meeting of any official local governmental board that deals with community problems and issues (town council, school board or the like) in the last 12 months?

A. No, not at all

B. Once

C. More than once

11. In the last 12 months, have you volunteered, that is, worked for no pay, for any organizations (such as organizations involved with a school, church, youth, or the community)?

A. No, not at all

B. Once

C. More than once