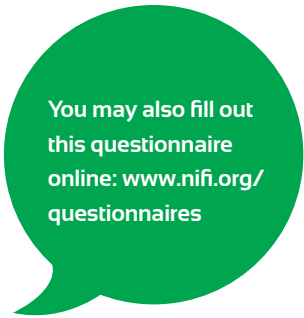


energy participant questionnaire

Now that you've had a chance to participate in a forum on this issue, we'd like to know what you are thinking. Your perspectives, along with those of thousands of others who participated in these forums, will be part of any reporting the National Issues Forums Institute and North American Association for Environmental Education do on this issue to officeholders, members of the media, and others, including those who took part in the forums.



1. Do you agree or disagree with the statements below?

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. Our top energy priority should be ensuring that the U.S. is not dependent on oil imported from unfriendly nations.					
b. The U.S. is not doing enough to address the problems caused by climate change—there is no time to lose.					
c. We need to significantly reduce the amount of energy we use in our country.					
d. The economic disruption of switching from oil, natural gas and coal to alternative energy sources such as solar power would outweigh the environmental benefits.					
e. Communities should offer incentives, such as tax credits, to encourage residents to adopt solar and wind power sources whose excess output can be shared locally.					
f. Our continued use of fossil fuels, such as coal, oil, and natural gas is steadily eroding the quality of the air, water, and land that sustains us.					

2. Do you favor or oppose the following actions?

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. Urge Americans to use less energy by taxing fossil fuels such as oil and coal EVEN IF this burdens poor people by raising the costs of basic necessities as well as the price of gas.					
b. Open up more areas to oil and gas drilling EVEN IF it increases the risks of environmental damage caused by such events as accidental oil spills.					
c. Develop local power grids that use renewable energy more effectively EVEN IF this means cities and towns will have to assume costly new obligations and responsibilities.					
d. Restrict sprawling development to reduce the need to drive EVEN IF this reduces the amount of affordable housing and limits people's choices about where they live.					

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
e. Build more nuclear power plants that do not contribute to climate change or air pollution EVEN IF there are still major questions about how and where to safely store nuclear waste.					
f. Use technologies like smart meters, GPS devices, and social media to encourage conservation EVEN IF this threatens the privacy and security of personal information.					
g. Require local governments, universities, and hospitals to use more renewable energy EVEN IF this distracts from their primary public-service missions.					
h. Greatly increase the use of solar and wind power EVEN IF it requires major spending to update our nation's power systems to work with these less reliable energy sources.					
i. Use tax policy and regulation to make energy efficiency a top national priority EVEN IF many people will resent and oppose more government interference in the way they live.					

3. Did you talk about aspects of the issue you hadn't considered before? Yes No

If YES, please explain. _____

4. Were there ideas or proposals that you tended to favor coming into the forum that you now have second thoughts about? Yes No If YES, please explain. _____

5. What could citizens, working together, do in their own communities to address this problem?

6. Not including this forum, how many National Issues Forums have you attended?

0 1-3 4-6 7 or more Not sure

7. Are you male or female? Male Female Other (please specify)

8. How old are you? 17 or younger 18-30 31-45 46-64 65 or older

9. Are you (please select all that apply):

African American Asian American Hispanic or Latino Native American
 White/Caucasian Other (please specify) _____

10. Where do you live? Rural Small Town Large City Suburban

11. What is your ZIP code? _____ **What state do you live in?** _____

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