

>>The Future of Work

How Should We Prepare for the New Economy?

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 opinions, along with those of thousands of others who participated in these forums, will be reflected in a summary report that will be available to all citizens, including those who took part in the forums, as well as officeholders, members of the news media, and others in your community.

1. Do you agree or disagree with the statements below?	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure
a. More employers should offer shorter term or part-time jobs that pay more but don't include benefits or longevity.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
b. In general, governmental regulations and restrictions hinder the ability of businesses to innovate and create jobs.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
c. The U.S. government should offer more financial support than it currently does to students in college.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
d. I would be in favor of increasing the minimum wage, even if it reduces the creation of new jobs.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
e. Citizens should become more involved in the growth of their communities.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
f. Local governments should provide support and tax incentives for individuals willing to take risks with new enterprises.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
2. Do you favor or oppose each of these actions?	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Not Sure
a. The U.S. should increase free-trade agreements, EVEN IF some workers in certain industries would lose their jobs.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
b. Communities should change zoning laws to allow for more home-based businesses, EVEN IF residential housing values may decrease.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
c. Communities should increase lending opportunities for small businesses, EVEN IF there is a high risk that lenders will lose money.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
d. Colleges should reduce tuition costs to allow more people to attend college, EVEN IF there are not enough jobs for all college graduates.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
e. High schools should focus on STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) subjects, EVEN IF it means less emphasis on more traditional subjects like history and art.	<input type="checkbox"/>				

>> QUESTIONNAIRE

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Strongly Favor Somewhat Favor Somewhat Oppose Strongly Oppose Not Sure

- f. Employers should provide more paid sick/family leave, EVEN IF this leads to higher costs or prices. Strongly Favor Somewhat Favor Somewhat Oppose Strongly Oppose Not Sure
- g. Communities should give tax breaks to attract industries that significantly increase employment opportunities, EVEN IF those industries create noise or pollution that negatively affect the quality of life for some residents. Strongly Favor Somewhat Favor Somewhat Oppose Strongly Oppose Not Sure
- h. Individuals should be willing to borrow or save more to increase their training and education, EVEN IF it increases their debt burden upon graduation. Strongly Favor Somewhat Favor Somewhat Oppose Strongly Oppose Not Sure
- i. Communities should invest in upgrading their infrastructure to attract new business, EVEN IF it reduces funding to other areas, like social service programs. Strongly Favor Somewhat Favor Somewhat Oppose Strongly Oppose Not Sure

3. Are you thinking differently about this issue now that you have participated in the forum? Yes No
 If yes, how? _____

4. In your forum, did you talk about aspects of the issue you hadn't considered before? Yes No
 If yes, please explain. _____

5. What, if anything, might citizens in your community do differently as a result of this forum?

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

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

9. Are you: 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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