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?

   a. We will never get our economy under control until we sharply cut what we spend on federal entitlement programs, such as Social Security and Medicare.

   b. The best way to bring down federal expenses is through across-the-board cuts in government spending.

   c. Investing in strategic areas, such as infrastructure and education, will do more to grow the economy and thereby reduce the deficit over the long run than severely slashing the budget.

   d. Congress should raise the tax rates for people with higher incomes.

   e. Since the world continues to be a dangerous place, we cannot afford to scale back on military expenses.

   f. Raising the minimum wage will help the economy by growing the middle class.

2. Do you favor or oppose each of these actions?

   a. We should raise the age of eligibility for Social Security to 68, EVEN IF this would be a hardship on those about to collect Social Security, especially those who have spent a lifetime doing strenuous work.

   b. We should lower the corporate tax rate to encourage investment, EVEN IF that means corporations might keep the savings rather than invest them to create more jobs.

   c. We should raise the capital gains tax, EVEN IF this might discourage investors.

   d. Medicare should become a means-tested program—so that more benefits go to people in need and fewer to those with higher incomes, EVEN IF that could drain the savings of many middle-class seniors.
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3. Are you thinking differently about this issue now that you have participated in the forum?  
   Yes ☐  No ☐
   If yes, how?  
   ______________________________________________________________________________________
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4. In your forum, did you talk about aspects of the issue you hadn’t considered before?  
   Yes ☐  No ☐
   If yes, please explain.  
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5. What, if anything, might citizens in your community do differently as a result of this forum?  
   ______________________________________________________________________________________
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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


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