

# >> Sustaining Ourselves

## How Can We Best Meet the Needs of Today and Tomorrow?

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.

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure
1. Do you agree or disagree with the statements below?					
a. Continued use of natural resources—such as water, fossil fuels, and farmland—at current levels will inevitably result in catastrophe.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
b. Higher taxes on fossil fuels, including gasoline, will cause more problems than they solve.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
c. Global warming poses a potentially catastrophic danger to future generations.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
d. Americans have an obligation to use fewer natural resources because, compared to people in other developed countries, we use far more than our fair share.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
e. American ingenuity and inventions will find solutions to the nation's challenging resource problems—as it always has.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
f. We have no hope of dealing with coming problems of pollution and shortages unless we make dramatic changes in the way we live now.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
2. Do you favor or oppose each of these actions?	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Not Sure
a. We should raise taxes on gasoline to encourage people to drive less, EVEN IF this creates a hardship for many individuals and businesses.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
b. Governments should pass zoning laws that restrict sprawl, EVEN IF such regulations restrict where people can live and shop.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
c. US businesses should sell patents for energy-efficient products at a reduced cost to developing countries, EVEN IF this may lead to fewer jobs in this country.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
d. People should live closer to their families, EVEN IF that limits their employment opportunities.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
e. Global businesses should focus on buying locally made products to cut down on energy-draining methods of transportation, EVEN IF this raises prices and lowers profits for shareholders.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
f. Schools should provide more training in trades, crafts, and gardening that teach youngsters how to be more self-reliant, EVEN IF this cuts into time for other academic subjects.	<input type="checkbox"/>				

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- |   | Strongly Favor           | Somewhat Favor           | Somewhat Oppose          | Strongly Oppose          | Not Sure                 |
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| 2. Do you favor or oppose each of these actions? (continued)  |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| g. The federal government should promote agreements with other nations to protect natural resources, EVEN IF this means turning some control of our environmental policies over to international organizations. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| h. The federal government should eliminate subsidies to oil companies, EVEN IF this results in higher prices for gasoline and home heating oil.   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| i. Local governments should ration the use of scarce resources, such as water, EVEN IF that infringes on the rights of people to water their lawns or gardens.  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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 issues 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     American Indian/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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