

Regaining American Prosperity

Building an Economy That Works for Everyone

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure
1. Do you agree or disagree with the statements below?					
a. Economic growth and prosperity are dependent on freeing American business from costly and burdensome government regulation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The opportunity to accumulate great wealth is the fuel that drives the American economy to provide prosperity for all.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Those who have benefited the most from our economic system ought to pay the most for supporting our nation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. An unregulated free market leads to abuses and excesses that hurt average Americans.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. A quality education is the key to future economic success.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. A widening wealth gap during past decades has not only privileged the top 5% or 10% of our society, but has harmed the great majority of Americans.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Not sure
2. Do you favor or oppose each of these actions?					
a. Lower the capital gains tax rate so that wealthy individuals are more motivated to invest in new businesses and technologies.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Eliminate government regulations that cost businesses money that could better be used for expansion and innovation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Pass legislation making it easier for workers to organize themselves into unions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Significantly raise the minimum wage and require employers to provide quality health care to all employees.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Regulate businesses and financial organizations more strictly so that the public good is fostered.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Provide significant tax incentives to both individuals and businesses to encourage Americans to further their educations.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Not sure
3. Do you favor or oppose the statements listed below?					
a. We should raise the tax rate on those in the highest income brackets EVEN IF it might discourage them from starting new businesses or expanding existing ones.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Large businesses and, especially, financial organizations must be closely regulated in the public interest EVEN IF that means more power is exercised by the national government in Washington.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Establish strong national standards for educational funding and achievement EVEN IF it means the loss of some local control over education policy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. Are you thinking differently about this issue now that you have participated in the forum?

Yes No

If yes, how?

5. In your forum, did you talk about aspects of the issue you hadn't considered before?

Yes No

If yes, please explain.

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

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

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

8. Are you male or female? Male Female

9. How old are you?

17 or younger 18-30 31-45 46-64 65 or older

10. Are you:

African American Asian American Hispanic or Latino American Indian or Native American

Other (please specify) _____

White/Caucasian

11. Where do you live?

Rural Small town Large city Suburb

12. What is your ZIP code? _____

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