

**CDD/NEWS HOUR WITH JIM LEHRER
DELIBERATING EDUCATION AND HEALTHCARE**

PRE – DELIBERATION WEB SURVEY

Our first questions are about education.

Q1. Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D, or FAIL to denote the quality of their work. Suppose the public schools themselves, in your community, were graded in the same way. What grade would you give your community's public schools?

- A
- B
- C
- D
- Fail
- Haven't thought much about it.

Q2. How about the public schools in the nation as a whole? What grade would you give the public schools nationally?

- A
- B
- C
- D
- Fail
- Haven't much thought about it

Q3. In order to improve public education in America, some people think the focus should be on reforming the existing public school system. Others believe the focus should be on finding an alternative to the existing public school system.

Which approach do you think is preferable?

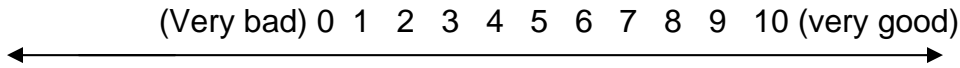
- Reforming the existing system
- Finding an alternative system
- Couldn't say

Q4. In your opinion is there too much emphasis on standardized testing in the public schools in your community, about the right amount, or not enough emphasis?

- Too much
- About the right amount
- Not enough
- Couldn't say

Q5. Some people think increased use of standardized tests in the public schools is good because it helps evaluate the performance of students and schools. Some people think it is bad because it forces teachers to emphasize only what is measured in the tests.

On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is very bad and 10 is very good, and 5 is neither bad nor good, indicate whether you think it would be bad or good to increase the use of standardized tests in the public schools.



Q6. Some people think that tests for student achievement should be set at the state level and applied in the same way to all students in the state. Others think that local school boards should make these decisions in each community. Which do you think?

- Decisions about testing should be made at the state level
- Decisions should be made by local school boards in each community
- Couldn't say

Q7. Do you support or oppose the following proposals for reforming the school system in your community? Please indicate 0 if you strongly oppose, 5 if you neither oppose nor support and 10 if you strongly support.

Insert Table with 11 point scale 0-10 with labeled ends (Strongly oppose and strongly support and Couldn't say)

Q7a.

Fund more charter schools with money from the public school system

Q7b.

Provide vouchers to pay some or all of the cost of private schools with money from the public school system

Q7c.

Provide more money for the most troubled public schools even if this means raising taxes

Q7d.

Provide more money for public schools to pay for smaller class sizes even if this means raising taxes

Q7e.

Provide more money for public schools to pay for new technology even if this means raising taxes

Q7f.

Provide more money for public schools to pay teachers even if this means raising taxes.

Q8. Here is a list of problems schools might face.

On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 is completely unimportant and 10 is extremely important, and 5 is midway in between, how important would you say it is that the nation's schools focus on improving each of the following?

Insert Table with 11 point scale 0-10 with labeled ends and midpoint (Completely unimportant and extremely important and Couldn't say)

- Q8a.
academic standards
- Q8b.
class size
- Q8c.
parental involvement
- Q8d.
quality of teachers
- Q8e.
school administration
- Q8f.
funding
- Q8g.
safety
- Q8h.
use of technology

Q9. Which of these do you think is most important?

Insert Table with list above and allow only one possible answer. Table should have two columns for most important and second most important (see below).

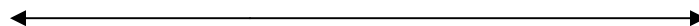
Q10. And second most important?

Table should have two columns for most important and second most important.

Q11. To what degree do you think your elected representatives in Washington share your priorities for how to improve education?

If you think their priorities are completely the same as yours answer 10. If you think their priorities are completely different from yours, answer 0. If it is about half and half answer 5.

Completely different priorities 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 completely the same



Q12. From what you know or have heard about the No Child Left Behind Act, do you approve or disapprove of it or couldn't you say?

Approve strongly
Approve somewhat
Neither approve nor disapprove
Disapprove somewhat
Disapprove strongly
Couldn't say

Q13. How much would you say that the amount of money spent by a public school affects the quality of education it provides?

A great deal
Somewhat
Very little
Hardly at all
Couldn't say

Q14. What do you think of the following statement?

Large classes do not have much effect on student performance.

Strongly agree
Agree somewhat
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree somewhat
Disagree strongly
Couldn't say

Q15. Where does the US rank among wealthy industrialized nations in the math skills of students?

In the top 3 out of 29 countries
In the top 10 out of 29 countries
In the bottom 10 out of 29 countries
In the bottom 3 out of 29 countries
Couldn't say

Q16. Has it become harder or easier in the last few years for foreign workers to get work permits to work legally in the US?

harder
staying about the same
easier
Couldn't say

Q17. Has the gap between minority students and white students in math and reading tests at the elementary school level been ...?

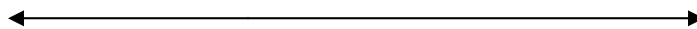
increasing the last few years
staying about the same
decreasing the last few years
Couldn't say

WE WOULD NOW LIKE TO ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR VIEWS ON HEALTHCARE.

Q19. Here is a list of problems our health care system might face. On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 is completely unimportant and 10 is extremely important, and 5 is midway in between, how important would you say it is that we focus on improving each of the following?

Insert Table with 11 point scale 0-10 with labeled ends and midpoint (Extremely unimportant and extremely important and Couldn't say/Haven't thought much about it.)

Completely unimportant 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 extremely important



**Q19a.
The cost of health insurance**

**Q19b.
The number of Americans without health insurance**

**Q19c.
The cost of prescription drugs**

**Q19d.
Medical errors or mistakes**

**Q19e.
The medical malpractice system**

**Q19f.
Quality of health care provided to those with insurance**

Q20. Which of these do you think is most important?

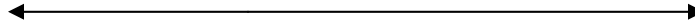
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Q21. And second most important

Table should have two columns - most important and second most important.

Q22. To what degree do you think your elected representatives in Washington share your priorities for how to improve health care. If their priorities are completely the same as yours, answer 10. If they have completely different priorities, answer 0. If it is about half and half answer 5.

Completely different priorities 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 completely the same



Q23. Would you be willing to pay more than you do now for health care if this meant that many more Americans would have health insurance coverage?

- Yes, at least slightly more
- Yes, significantly more
- No
- Couldn't say

Q24 How strongly would you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

Q24A.

The US should adopt a single-payer system, where a government entity accepts all healthcare fees and pays out all healthcare costs for everyone.

- Agree strongly
- Agree somewhat
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree somewhat
- Disagree strongly
- Couldn't say

Q24B.

The US should require employer coverage of health care, where every employer must provide insurance for all workers.

- Agree strongly
- Agree somewhat
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree somewhat
- Disagree strongly
- Couldn't say

Q24C.

The US should require individual coverage, where individuals must buy minimal coverage, perhaps funded by a tax credit.

- Agree strongly
- Agree somewhat
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree somewhat
- Disagree strongly
- Couldn't say

Q24D.

The US should offer uninsured Americans income tax deductions, tax credits, or other financial assistance to help them purchase private health insurance on their own.

- Agree strongly
- Agree somewhat
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree somewhat
- Disagree strongly
- Couldn't say

Q24E.

The US should offer businesses tax deductions, tax credits, or other financial assistance to help them provide health insurance to their employees.

- Agree strongly
- Agree somewhat
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree somewhat
- Disagree strongly
- Couldn't say

Q24F.

The US should increase funding for Medicare and Medicaid even if this means increases in taxes.

- Agree strongly
- Agree somewhat
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree somewhat
- Disagree strongly
- Couldn't say

Q25. How effective or ineffective do you think each of the following would be for controlling health care costs?

Q25A.

Increasing co-pays and deductibles for consumers

- Very effective
- Somewhat effective
- Neither effective nor ineffective
- Somewhat ineffective
- Very ineffective
- Couldn't say

Q25B.

Relying on managed care through HMOs

- Very effective
- Somewhat effective
- Neither effective nor ineffective
- Somewhat ineffective
- Very ineffective
- Couldn't say

Q25C. Limiting government funds for healthcare

Very effective
Somewhat effective
Neither effective nor ineffective
Somewhat ineffective
Very ineffective
Couldn't say

Q25D. Increasing government control of/involvement in healthcare

Very effective
Somewhat effective
Neither effective nor ineffective
Somewhat ineffective
Very ineffective
Couldn't say

Q26. About how many Americans are uninsured?

1 million
25 million
45 million
65 million
85 million
Couldn't say

Q27. Over the next fifty years, do you think the number of Americans over age 65 will...?

stay about the same
increase by about half
double
triple
Couldn't say

Q28. What percentage of the uninsured do you think come from low income families?

a quarter
fifty per cent
two thirds
ninety per cent
Couldn't say

Q29. Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about the role of government:

Q29A.

The first priority of government should be to help the worst off.

Agree strongly
Agree somewhat
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree somewhat
Disagree strongly
Couldn't say

Q29B.

The first priority of government should be to make the whole country prosper.

Agree strongly
Agree somewhat
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree somewhat
Disagree strongly
Couldn't say

Q29C.

The first priority of government should be to let people make their own choices.

Agree strongly
Agree somewhat
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree somewhat
Disagree strongly
Couldn't say

Q30. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.

Q30A.

Most public policy issues are so complicated that a person like me can't really understand what's going on.

Strongly Disagree
Disagree
Neither
Agree
Strongly Agree
Couldn't say

Q30B.

Public officials care a lot about what people like me think.

Strongly Disagree
Disagree
Neither
Agree
Strongly Agree
Couldn't say

Q30C.

People like me don't have any say about what the government does.

Strongly Disagree
Disagree
Neither
Agree
Strongly Agree
Couldn't say

FINALLY, WE'D LIKE TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT YOURSELF AND YOUR BACKGROUND.

Q32. Do you have school age children?

Yes
No

Q33. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: pre and post

"people with views different from mine often have very good reasons for their opinions."

Agree strongly
Agree somewhat
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree somewhat
Disagree strongly

Q34. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a...?

Republican
Democrat
Independent
Other
No preference

Q34a -> IF Q35=REPUBLICAN.

Q34a. Would you call yourself a...

Strong Republican
Not very strong Republican

Q34b -> IF Q35=DEMOCRAT .

Q34b. Would you call yourself a...

Strong Democrat
Not very strong Democrat

Q34c-> IF Q34 is independent, having no preference or other .

Q34c. Do you think of yourself as CLOSER to the Republican Party or to the Democratic Party?

Closer to the Republican Party
Neither
Closer to the Democratic Party

Q35 In general, do you think of yourself as...?

Extremely liberal
Liberal
Slightly liberal
Middle of the road
Slightly conservative
Conservative
Extremely conservative
Or haven't you thought much about this?

Q36. In the last 7 days, how many days did you watch the news on TV?

None
1-2 days
3-4 days
Almost every day

Q37. In the last 7 days, how many days did you read a daily newspaper?

None
1-2 days
3-4 days
Almost every day

Q38. In the last 7 days, how many days did you read a daily newspaper on the INTERNET?

None
1-2 days
3-4 days
Almost every day

Q39. On average, how often do you participate in a conversation about public affairs?

- Almost every day
- Several times a week
- At least once a week
- At least once a month
- Practically never

Q40. How about politics in the U.S.? Generally speaking, how interested would you say you are in politics in the U.S.?

- Very interested
- Somewhat interested
- Not very interested
- Not at all interested

Q41. Do you go to religious services...?

- Every week
- Almost every week
- Once or twice a month
- A few times a year
- Never