

Deliberative Polling®	
By the People: Hard Times, Hard Choices – Michigan Citizens Deliberate	
Evaluation questions	
This document shows how the participants evaluated the event, including discussions in smaller groups, plenary sessions with experts and moderators of discussions in smaller groups. The vast majority of participants endorsed the event and felt that the discussions were balanced.	
On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is "a waste of time", 10 is "extremely valuable" and 5 is exactly in the middle, how valuable was each of the following in helping you clarify your positions on the issues? a. The overall process	0.8186
A waste of time - 0-4	4.30
Exactly in the middle - 5	12.30
Extremely valuable - 6-10	83.40
Don't know / No response	2.90
Total	100.00
b. Participating in the small group discussions	0.8601
A waste of time - 0-4	2.30
Exactly in the middle - 5	8.70
Extremely valuable - 6-10	88.80
Don't know / No response	3.90
Total	100.00
c. Meeting and talking to other delegates outside of the group discussions	0.8055
A waste of time - 0-4	4.40
Exactly in the middle - 5	13.00
Extremely valuable - 6-10	82.60
Don't know / No response	5.80
Total	100.00
d. The large group plenary sessions.	0.7572
A waste of time - 0-4	13.00
Exactly in the middle - 5	11.70
Extremely valuable - 6-10	75.20
Don't know / No response	3.50
Total	100.00
And how strongly would you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? a. My group moderator provided the opportunity for everyone to participate in the discussion.	0.9047
Disagree strongly	0.30

Disagree somewhat	3.30
Neither agree nor disagree	6.00
Somewhat agree	14.70
Agree strongly	75.60
Don't know / No response	3.50
Total	100.00
b. The members of my group participated relatively equally in the discussions.	0.6548
Disagree strongly	4.30
Disagree somewhat	20.90
Neither agree nor disagree	11.60
Somewhat agree	35.10
Agree strongly	28.10
Don't know / No response	2.60
Total	100.00
c. My group moderator sometimes tried to influence the group with his or her own views.	0.0842
Disagree strongly	85.00
Disagree somewhat	4.30
Neither agree nor disagree	5.70
Somewhat agree	2.00
Agree strongly	3.00
Don't know / No response	3.20
Total	100.00
d. My group moderator tried to make sure that opposing arguments were considered.	0.7914
Disagree strongly	3.00
Disagree somewhat	5.10
Neither agree nor disagree	17.20
Somewhat agree	21.60
Agree strongly	53.00
Don't know / No response	4.50
Total	100.00
e. The important aspects of the issues were covered in the group discussions.	0.7894
Disagree strongly	2.70
Disagree somewhat	8.10
Neither agree nor disagree	10.40
Somewhat agree	28.50

Agree strongly	50.30
Don't know / No response	3.90
Total	100.00
f. I learned a lot about people very different from me - about what they and their lives are like.	0.8528
Disagree strongly	0.30
Disagree somewhat	2.30
Neither agree nor disagree	10.00
Somewhat agree	30.40
Agree strongly	56.90
Don't know / No response	3.50
Total	100.00
g. Few members dominated discussions.	0.5701
Disagree strongly	12.80
Disagree somewhat	11.80
Neither agree nor disagree	24.30
Somewhat agree	36.50
Agree strongly	14.50
Don't know / No response	4.50
Total	100.00
h. The members of my small group respected each other's views	0.8866
Disagree strongly	0.70
Disagree somewhat	3.30
Neither agree nor disagree	4.60
Somewhat agree	23.50
Agree strongly	67.90
Don't know / No response	2.60
Total	100.00
Before the discussions started, how much of the assigned briefing material would you say you had read, on average?	0.7985
Just glanced at the materials	10.25
Read less than half of the materials	3.89
Read about half of the materials	7.42
Read more than half of the materials	13.07
Read most or all of the materials	65.37
Don't know / No response	8.71
Total	100.00
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And by the end of the last discussion, how much of the briefing materials would you say you had read?	0.8967
Just glanced at the materials	3.00
Read less than half of the materials	3.00
Read about half of the materials	3.70
Read more than half of the materials	13.00
Read most or all of the materials	77.30
Don't know / No response	3.20
Total	100.00
Would you say that the briefing material was mostly balanced, or that it clearly favored some positions over others?	0.7859
Mostly balanced	78.60
Favored some position over others	21.40
Don't know / No response	12.58
Total	100.00