

QUESTIONNAIRE

How Should We Reduce OBESITY in America?

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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. Obesity is an important health problem, but it's not a top priority for government action, given all the other issues we face.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. For the most part, obesity is caused by individuals making bad choices.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. In the end, it's unlikely that any steps taken by the government to combat obesity will be particularly effective.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Government regulations should strictly control the advertising of soda, candy, and other unhealthy snacks aimed at reaching children.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Obesity is a major contributor to high health costs and we're all paying the price.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. We should once again make physical fitness a national priority the way it was under President Kennedy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you favor or oppose each of these actions?	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Not Sure
a. Parents should lobby their children's schools to remove vending machines that sell unhealthy snacks, EVEN IF this will leave some children hungry and without energy during the school day.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The government should raise taxes on foods containing unhealthy amounts of sugar, such as 32-ounce sodas in movie theaters, EVEN IF this restricts our freedom to choose what we consume.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. City zoning laws should require all new developments to include sidewalks, bike paths and open space, EVEN IF these amenities would raise the price of housing in those areas.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. PTAs should stop selling junk food to raise funds, EVEN IF other less popular items would result in less income for school trips, playground equipment, or other needed items.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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e. Employers should provide an incentive for employees to join a gym or exercise regularly, EVEN IF this would raise the price of their products or services. Strongly Favor Somewhat Favor Somewhat Oppose Strongly Oppose Not Sure

f. Schools should require gym classes and outdoor exercise each day, EVEN IF that cuts into time allotted for academics. Strongly Favor Somewhat Favor Somewhat Oppose Strongly Oppose Not Sure

3. Are you thinking differently about this issue now that you have participated in the forum? Yes No

If yes, how? _____

4. In your forum, did you talk about aspects of the issue you hadn't considered before? Yes No

If yes, please explain. _____

5. What could citizens, working together, do in their own communities to address this problem? _____

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 or Native American White/Caucasian Other (please specify) _____

10. Where do you live? Rural Small Town Large City Suburb

11. What is your ZIP code? _____ What state do you live in? _____

12. What issue would you like to see covered in a future forum? _____

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