

>> Youth and Violence

Reducing the Threat

Now that you've had a chance to participate in a forum on this issue, we'd like to know what you're 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. Today's popular culture makes cruel and violent behavior seem increasingly routine and acceptable.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
b. Parents should be held accountable when their teenagers commit crimes.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
c. It isn't fair to judge young people the way we judge adults.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
d. Bullying of young people is a more serious problem than it has ever been.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
e. If violent youngsters commit serious crimes, they should be locked up for a long time.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
f. It is not hard to spot trouble early and identify children who are most likely to commit violent crimes.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
2. Do you favor or oppose each of these actions?	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Not Sure
a. Schools should offer supervised after-school programs for youngsters whose parents are not home, EVEN IF this means the schools would take over some responsibilities that rightly belong to parents.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
b. All schools should be legally required to establish and enforce anti-bullying policies, EVEN IF this takes time away from academics.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
c. Teenagers who commit violent crimes should be tried as adults, EVEN IF this leads to much harsher punishments than juveniles have traditionally received.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
d. Businesses should offer flextime scheduling to parents so they can be home to supervise their children after school, EVEN IF many parents could not afford to take time off.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
e. Police should more closely monitor gang activities, EVEN IF more surveillance raises serious questions about the violation of civil liberties.	<input type="checkbox"/>				

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- | | Strongly Favor | Somewhat Favor | Somewhat Oppose | Strongly Oppose | Not Sure |
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| f. Governments should enact stricter laws to keep guns out of the hands of children, EVEN IF this means such laws may conflict with the constitutional right to bear arms. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g. The courts should hold parents responsible for violent crimes committed by their children, EVEN IF this means prosecuting parents who have tried without success to get help for their troubled or uncontrollable children. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| h. Juveniles who commit violent crimes should be sent away to prisons or boot camps, EVEN IF this risks hardening them to a life of crime. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| i. Parents and other citizens should organize to pressure the entertainment industry to raise its standards for acceptable behavior in movies, TV shows, and video games, EVEN IF such efforts to censor content could undermine principles of free speech. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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 issues you hadn't considered before? Yes No

If yes, please explain. _____

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

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 Native American

White/Caucasian Other (please specify) _____

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

11. What is your ZIP code? _____

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