

>> Bullying

How Do We Prevent It?

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. The problem of bullying among children is worse now than it has ever been.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
b. The widespread use of the Internet and social networking sites has added greatly to the damaging effects of bullying.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
c. Kids have always been bullied by other kids. Too much is being made of it today.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
d. Young bullies learn the behavior at home where they have often been bullied themselves.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
e. Zero-tolerance policies for bullying would take care of the problem in schools.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
f. Unless they are told, parents cannot be expected to know that their children are either the perpetrators or victims of bullying.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
2. Do you favor or oppose each of these actions?	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Not Sure
a. PTAs and other community groups should sponsor presentations about the nature and impact of bullying, EVEN IF these meetings may not reach people in troubled homes who could most benefit from them.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
b. Schools should establish programs that teach children how to respond to bullies, EVEN IF those actions risk inviting further torment from bullies.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
c. Teachers and other school staff should be trained to address root causes of bullying, EVEN IF this risks getting in over their heads in an area better handled by mental health professionals.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
d. Students should be taught how to intervene when they observe bullying, EVEN IF that may cause them to become victims of retaliation.	<input type="checkbox"/>				

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Strongly Favor

Somewhat Favor

Somewhat Oppose

Strongly Oppose

Not Sure

e. Civic groups and businesses should address bullying in meetings and service projects, EVEN IF these efforts may vary greatly in effectiveness.

f. Teachers and staff members should be required to report bullying within 24 hours of observing an incident, EVEN IF that risks elevating minor schoolyard spats into punishable offenses.

g. Parents should monitor their children's cell phones and Internet use, EVEN IF this invades their children's privacy.

h. School children should be told who to contact if bullying occurs, EVEN IF this results in a daily flood of complaints school personnel would be hard pressed to sort out.

i. A police officer should be stationed at each school to minimize bullying, EVEN IF that means fewer officers would be focused on crimes outside schools.

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, 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? _____ What State do you live in? _____

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