

Sample Topics and Questions for Consideration



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More Police, Less Crime?

What are the intended and unintended effects of more police presence in communities? Why do certain neighborhoods experience more or less violence than others? What role can individuals and communities play in making streets safer for everyone?

Living Green

What does living green mean to you? Is it just hype or is there real value to a greener lifestyle? What evidence are you seeing that communities are taking environmental issues more seriously? How can you make your life greener?

Happiness is...

What does happiness mean to you? How can we achieve greater happiness in our individual lives and as a society? How do the pressures of modern life affect our happiness? What is the relationship between democracy and the potential for happiness?

Does Hip-Hop Lean to the Right?

How is mainstream hip-hop culture inherently conservative, progressive, or both? What are hip-hop values and what does it mean to be part of the hip-hop generation? How is hip-hop a useful political tool or vehicle for social change?

Osama Bin Laden: Justice Served?

What do you think of the various reactions to Osama Bin Laden's death? How has or hasn't justice been served? What will this mean for the "War on Terror"? What effect does Mr. Bin Laden's death have on Americans' sense of safety?

