

Pre Test Questionnaire

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What sort of impact would you say that NAFTA – the North American Free Trade Agreement – has had so far on the American economy? Would you say it has:

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Next are more questions about national security and the economy. Many people don't know the answers to these questions. If you know, please tell us; if you do not know, just indicate you don't know and move on.

Which of the following is closest to the number of countries that have joined the World Trade Organization (WTO):

- ☐ 10
- ☐ 50
- ☐ 100
- ☐ 150
- ☐ 200
- ☐ Don't Know

Which of the following countries is not part of the NAFTA trade agreement:

- ☐ United States
- ☐ Canada
- ☐ Great Britain
- ☐ Mexico
- ☐ Don't Know

Which of the following is closest to the percentage of all world trade accounted for by the top five exporting countries (United States, Germany, Japan, France, and Great Britain):

- ☐ 30%
- ☐ 40%
- ☐ 50%
- ☐ 60%
- ☐ 70%
- ☐ Don't Know

In 2002, President George W. Bush imposed tariffs on what imported commodity?

- ☐ iron
- ☐ oil
- ☐ coal
- ☐ steel
- ☐ sugar
- ☐ Don't Know

How much does the United States spend annually on subsidies to American cotton growers?

- ☐ \$30 million
- ☐ \$300 million
- ☐ \$3 billion
- ☐ \$30 billion
- ☐ \$300 billion
- ☐ Don't Know

As far as you know, what is the Bush administration's position on creating a new Free Trade Area of the Americas? Does the Bush administration...

- ☐ Support it
- ☐ Neither support nor oppose it
- ☐ Oppose it
- ☐ Don't Know

Which of the following countries now harbors the most Al Qaeda and Taliban fighters?

- ☐ India
- ☐ Pakistan
- ☐ Sri Lanka
- ☐ Indonesia
- ☐ Saudi Arabia
- ☐ Don't Know

Iraq was directly involved in the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on 9-11-2001.

- ☐ True
- ☐ False
- ☐ Don't Know

Large quantities of weapons of mass destruction have been found in Iraq.-Q63W4

- ☐ True
- ☐ False
- ☐ Don't Know

Which of the following is closest to the number of Americans killed in Iraq since the war began:

- ☐ 100
- ☐ 500
- ☐ 1,000
- ☐ 10,000
- ☐ 15,000
- ☐ Don't Know

Now we would like to ask you some questions about your general attitudes towards politics.

How much do public officials care about what people like you think?

- ☐ A great deal
- ☐ A lot
- ☐ A moderate amount
- ☐ A little
- ☐ Not at all
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How much say do people like you have about what the government does?

- ☐ A great deal
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- ☐ None at all
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How much attention do you feel the government pays to what people think when it decides what to do?

- ☐ A great deal
- ☐ A lot
- ☐ A moderate amount
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How much do you feel that having elections makes the government pay attention to what the people think?

- ☐ A great deal
- ☐ A lot
- ☐ A moderate amount
- ☐ A little
- ☐ Not at all
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How much of a difference would you say it makes who is in power?

- ☐ A great deal
- ☐ A lot
- ☐ A moderate amount
- ☐ A little
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How much do you feel you can understand what is going on in politics and government?

- ☐ A great deal
- ☐ A lot
- ☐ A moderate amount
- ☐ A little
- ☐ Not at all
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How in touch are national political leaders with the rest of the country?

- ☐ A great deal
- ☐ A lot
- ☐ A moderate amount
- ☐ A little
- ☐ None at all
- ☐ I haven't thought much about this

How worthwhile are your opinions about politics?

- ☐ Extremely worthwhile
- ☐ Very worthwhile
- ☐ Moderately worthwhile
- ☐ Slightly worthwhile
- ☐ Not worthwhile at all
- ☐ I haven't thought much about this

How interested are you in hearing the opinions of other people?

- ☐ Extremely interested
- ☐ Very interested
- ☐ Moderately interested
- ☐ Slightly interested
- ☐ Not interested at all
- ☐ I haven't thought much about this

How willing are you to read things or listen to people who challenge your own opinions and provide different perspectives on political affairs?

- ☐ Extremely willing
- ☐ Very willing
- ☐ Moderately willing
- ☐ Slightly willing
- ☐ Not willing at all
- ☐ I haven't thought much about this

How open are you to changing or revising aspects of your political beliefs?

- ☐ Extremely open
- ☐ Very open
- ☐ Moderately open
- ☐ Slightly open
- ☐ Not open at all
- ☐ I haven't thought much about this

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "I discover that people with views different from mine often have very good reasons for their views."

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Somewhat agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Somewhat disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ I haven't thought much about this

How willing would you be to contact politicians or government officials either in person, or in writing, or some other way?

- ☐ Extremely willing
- ☐ Very willing
- ☐ Moderately willing
- ☐ Slightly willing
- ☐ Not willing at all
- ☐ I haven't thought much about this

How willing would you be to work together with people who share the same political concern?

- ☐ Extremely willing
- ☐ Very willing
- ☐ Moderately willing
- ☐ Slightly willing
- ☐ Not willing at all
- ☐ I haven't thought much about this

When you turn 18, how likely is it that you will take the time to vote?

- ☐ Definitely vote
- ☐ Probably vote
- ☐ Might or might not vote
- ☐ Probably not vote
- ☐ Definitely not vote
- ☐ I haven't thought much about this

How willing would you be to show your support for a particular party or candidate by, for example, attending a meeting, putting up campaign signs, or helping in some other way?

- ☐ Extremely willing
- ☐ Very willing
- ☐ Moderately willing
- ☐ Slightly willing
- ☐ Not willing at all
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How willing would you be to talk to other people to persuade them to vote for a particular party or candidate?

- ☐ Extremely willing
- ☐ Very willing
- ☐ Moderately willing
- ☐ Slightly willing
- ☐ Not willing at all
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How much do you trust the government in Washington to do what is right?

- ☐ A great deal
- ☐ A lot
- ☐ A moderate amount
- ☐ A little
- ☐ Not at all
- ☐ I haven't thought much about this

How satisfied are you with the way democracy works in the United States?

- ☐ Extremely satisfied
- ☐ Very satisfied
- ☐ Moderately satisfied
- ☐ Slightly satisfied
- ☐ Not satisfied at all
- ☐ I haven't thought much about this

Some people have opinions about almost every political issue; other people have opinions about just some issues; and still other people have very few opinions.

What about you? Would you say you have opinions about almost every issue, about many issues, about some issues, about very few issues, or about no issues at all?

- ☐ Almost every issue
- ☐ Many issues
- ☐ Some issues
- ☐ Very few issues
- ☐ No issues at all
- ☐ I haven't thought much about this

Some people don't pay much attention to politics. How about you? How much attention do you pay to politics?

- ☐ A Great Deal
- ☐ A Lot
- ☐ A Moderate Amount
- ☐ A Little
- ☐ Not at All
- ☐ I haven't thought much about this

How much coverage did you hear or read about the 2004 presidential campaign in newspapers, on the radio, on TV, or on the Internet?

- ☐ A great deal
- ☐ A lot
- ☐ A moderate amount
- ☐ A little
- ☐ None at all
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How many days in a typical week do you watch the news on TV?

- ☐ 0 days
- ☐ 1 day
- ☐ 2 days
- ☐ 3 days
- ☐ 4 days
- ☐ 5 days
- ☐ 6 days
- ☐ 7 days
- ☐ I haven't thought much about this

How many days in a typical week do you read a newspaper or browse online for news?

- ☐ 0 days
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- ☐ 3 days
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- ☐ 5 days
- ☐ 6 days
- ☐ 7 days
- ☐ I haven't thought much about this

Generally speaking, how much would you say that you personally care about who wins elections?

- ☐ A great deal
- ☐ A lot
- ☐ A moderate amount
- ☐ A little
- ☐ Not at all
- ☐ I haven't thought much about this

Some people are not very interested in politics and current events. How about you? How interested are you in politics and current events?

- ☐ Extremely interested
- ☐ Very interested
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Now we would like to ask you some questions about yourself.

Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, Democrat, or what?

- ☐ Republican
- ☐ Democrat
- ☐ Independent
- ☐ Some other party

If you are a Republican, would you say you are a:

- ☐ Strong Republican
- ☐ Not very strong Republican

If you are a Democrat, would you say you are a:

- ☐ Strong Republican
- ☐ Not very strong Republican

If you are neither a Republican nor a Democrat, which party would you say you lean more towards:

- ☐ Republican
- ☐ Democrat
- ☐ Do not lean either way

On a scale of 1 to 7, where 1 is "very liberal," 7 is "very conservative," **and 4 is exactly in the middle**, where would you place yourself? Or haven't you thought much about this?

Very Liberal						Very Conservative	Haven't thought About this
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

What is your age: _____

Are you:

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female

Please indicate your father or guardian's highest education level.

- ☐ 0 to 8th grade
- ☐ 9th to 11th grade
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What is your father or guardian's occupation?

- ☐ White collar/professional
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Are you Spanish/Hispanic/Latino?

- ☐ No, not Spanish/Hispanic/Latino
- ☐ Yes, Mexican/Mexican American/Chicano
- ☐ Yes, Puerto Rican
- ☐ Yes, Cuban
- ☐ Yes, other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino

What ethnicity would best describe you?

- ☐ White
- ☐ Black/African American
- ☐ American Indian/Alaskan Native
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Other

How many people are in your household, including you? _____

How many children are currently living at your home? _____

Were both of your parents born in the United States?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Besides funerals and weddings, would you say you attend religious services...

- ☐ Every week
- ☐ Almost every week
- ☐ Once or twice a month
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Thank you very much for taking the time to answer our questions.

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- ☐ 0 days
- ☐ 1 day
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- ☐ 3 days
- ☐ 4 days
- ☐ 5 days
- ☐ 6 days
- ☐ 7 days
- ☐ I haven't thought much about this

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Generally speaking, how much would you say that you personally care about who wins elections?

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- ☐ A lot
- ☐ A moderate amount
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Now we would like to ask you some questions about yourself.

Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, Democrat, or what?

- ☐ Republican
- ☐ Democrat
- ☐ Independent
- ☐ Some other party

If you are a Republican, would you say you are a:

- ☐ Strong Republican
- ☐ Not very strong Republican

If you are a Democrat, would you say you are a:

- ☐ Strong Republican
- ☐ Not very strong Republican

If you are neither a Republican nor a Democrat, which party would you say you lean more towards:

- ☐ Republican
- ☐ Democrat
- ☐ Do not lean either way

On a scale of 1 to 7, where 1 is "very liberal," 7 is "very conservative," **and 4 is exactly in the middle**, where would you place yourself? Or haven't you thought much about this?

Very Liberal						Very Conservative	Haven't thought About this
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

We would now like to ask you some questions about how your experiences deliberating with your classmates.

Please indicate your response for the following questions on a scale from 0 to 10 by circling your answer.

Overall, what are your views on the entire process of deliberation?

Generally a waste of time										Extremely Valuable
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Don't Know

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Don't Know

We would now like to ask you some questions about your experiences as an expert.

About how much time did you spend researching about the issue given to you?

- ☐ A great deal
- ☐ A lot
- ☐ A moderate amount
- ☐ A little
- ☐ None at all
- ☐ Don't Know

Did you enjoy being the expert for your session?

- ☐ A great deal
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- ☐ A moderate amount
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- ☐ Mostly balanced
- ☐ Favored positions
- ☐ Don't Know

The moderator provided the opportunity for everyone to participate in the discussion.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Somewhat agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Somewhat disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Don't Know

The moderator often tried to influence the group with his or her own views.

- ☐ Strongly agree
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- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
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- ☐ Strongly disagree
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About how much of the discussion materials that were given to you did you read?

- ☐ Most
- ☐ More than half
- ☐ About half
- ☐ Less than half
- ☐ Just glanced
- ☐ Don't Know

Did you think the discussion materials were mostly balanced, or that they clearly favored some positions over others?

- ☐ Mostly balanced
- ☐ Favored positions
- ☐ Don't Know

Thinking about the deliberation process as a whole, do you believe that there was a fair discussion of the issues or do you think some positions were favored over others?

- ☐ Fair discussion
- ☐ Favored positions
- ☐ Don't Know

Thank you very much for taking the time to answer our questions.

Post Test Questionnaire
Civic Education Only and Control
Groups

GROUP _____ ID _____

Thank you for participating in this collaborative project between Stanford University and The Menlo School. We would like to ask you a few questions about your political attitudes and opinions. All your answers will remain completely anonymous. Please do not write your name anywhere on this questionnaire. It is important that you read and answer each question carefully. Please check the box next to your answer for each question.

We would first like to learn about your views on national security.

Please tell us whether you agree strongly, agree somewhat, neither agree nor disagree, disagree somewhat, or disagree strongly with the following four statements:

By the time we leave Iraq, the results will have been worth the cost in lives and dollars.

- ☐ Agree strongly
- ☐ Agree somewhat
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Disagree somewhat
- ☐ Disagree strongly
- ☐ I haven't thought much about that

In general, the U.S. should be willing to invade other countries we believe pose a serious and immediate threat, even if we don't have a lot of international support.

- ☐ Agree strongly
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The U.S. should be willing to intervene in the affairs of other countries to make them more democratic.

- ☐ Agree strongly
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The Department of Homeland Security is doing an adequate job of protecting our borders, cargo transportation, and sea ports from terrorist attack.

- ☐ Agree strongly
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We would like to hear more about your views on national security:

How much, on the whole, would you say that the war with Iraq has strengthened or weakened our national security? On the whole, has it...

- ☐ Strengthened it a lot
- ☐ Strengthened it somewhat
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- ☐ Weakened it a lot
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And how much, on the whole, would you say the war with Iraq has increased or decreased the power of Al Qaeda and similar terrorist groups? On the whole, has it...

- ☐ Increased their power a lot
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How successful or unsuccessful would you say the U.S. has been at keeping leaders hostile to the U.S. from being likely to regain power in Iraq? Have our efforts been ...

- ☐ Very successful
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How successful or unsuccessful would you say our current policies will be in keeping leaders hostile to the U.S. out of power in Iraq?

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On the whole, more free trade means more jobs, because we can sell more goods abroad.

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Protecting existing American jobs and industries is more important than lowering prices and creating new jobs through free trade.

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- ☐ Definitely not vote
- ☐ I haven't thought much about this

How willing would you be to show your support for a particular party or candidate by, for example, attending a meeting, putting up campaign signs, or helping in some other way?

- ☐ Extremely willing
- ☐ Very willing
- ☐ Moderately willing
- ☐ Slightly willing
- ☐ Not willing at all
- ☐ I haven't thought much about this

How willing would you be to talk to other people to persuade them to vote for a particular party or candidate?

- ☐ Extremely willing
- ☐ Very willing
- ☐ Moderately willing
- ☐ Slightly willing
- ☐ Not willing at all
- ☐ I haven't thought much about this

How much do you trust the government in Washington to do what is right?

- ☐ A great deal
- ☐ A lot
- ☐ A moderate amount
- ☐ A little
- ☐ Not at all
- ☐ I haven't thought much about this

How satisfied are you with the way democracy works in the United States?

- ☐ Extremely satisfied
- ☐ Very satisfied
- ☐ Moderately satisfied
- ☐ Slightly satisfied
- ☐ Not satisfied at all
- ☐ I haven't thought much about this

Some people have opinions about almost every political issue; other people have opinions about just some issues; and still other people have very few opinions.

What about you? Would you say you have opinions about almost every issue, about many issues, about some issues, about very few issues, or about no issues at all?

- ☐ Almost every issue
- ☐ Many issues
- ☐ Some issues
- ☐ Very few issues
- ☐ No issues at all
- ☐ I haven't thought much about this

Some people don't pay much attention to politics. How about you? How much attention do you pay to politics?

- ☐ A Great Deal
- ☐ A Lot
- ☐ A Moderate Amount
- ☐ A Little
- ☐ Not at All
- ☐ I haven't thought much about this

How much coverage did you hear or read about the 2004 presidential campaign in newspapers, on the radio, on TV, or on the Internet?

- ☐ A great deal
- ☐ A lot
- ☐ A moderate amount
- ☐ A little
- ☐ None at all
- ☐ I haven't thought much about this

How many days in a typical week do you watch the news on TV?

- ☐ 0 days
- ☐ 1 day
- ☐ 2 days
- ☐ 3 days
- ☐ 4 days
- ☐ 5 days
- ☐ 6 days
- ☐ 7 days
- ☐ I haven't thought much about this

How many days in a typical week do you read a newspaper or browse online for news?

- ☐ 0 days
- ☐ 1 day
- ☐ 2 days
- ☐ 3 days
- ☐ 4 days
- ☐ 5 days
- ☐ 6 days
- ☐ 7 days
- ☐ I haven't thought much about this

Generally speaking, how much would you say that you personally care about who wins elections?

- ☐ A great deal
- ☐ A lot
- ☐ A moderate amount
- ☐ A little
- ☐ Not at all
- ☐ I haven't thought much about this

Some people are not very interested in politics and current events. How about you? How interested are you in politics and current events?

- ☐ Extremely interested
- ☐ Very interested
- ☐ Moderately interested
- ☐ Slightly interested
- ☐ Not interested at all
- ☐ I haven't thought much about this

Now we would like to ask you some questions about yourself.

Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, Democrat, or what?

- ☐ Republican
- ☐ Democrat
- ☐ Independent
- ☐ Some other party

If you are a Republican, would you say you are a:

- ☐ Strong Republican
- ☐ Not very strong Republican

If you are a Democrat, would you say you are a:

- ☐ Strong Republican
- ☐ Not very strong Republican

If you are neither a Republican nor a Democrat, which party would you say you lean more towards:

- ☐ Republican
- ☐ Democrat
- ☐ Do not lean either way

On a scale of 1 to 7, where 1 is "very liberal," 7 is "very conservative," **and 4 is exactly in the middle**, where would you place yourself? Or haven't you thought much about this?

Very Liberal						Very Conservative	Haven't thought About this
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Thank you very much for taking the time to answer our questions.