

QUESTIONNAIRE

What Should We Do about the Opioid Epidemic?

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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'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. Like alcoholism, opioid addiction should be treated as a disease, not as a crime.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
b. The justice system should go after people who smuggle, deal, and sell opioids rather than spending time and resources on users.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
c. We should pass laws that limit the amount of opioid medications doctors can prescribe for patients who complain about pain.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
d. Addicts who can't get or hold decent jobs should not be able to collect disability and welfare payments.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
e. If people using opioids are not harming society, we should leave them alone rather than trying to force them into treatment.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
f. Drug companies should be required to put more of their profits into research on nonaddictive painkillers.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
2. Do you favor or oppose each of these actions?	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Not Sure
a. Our top priority should be reducing access to opioids in order to prevent people from using them and becoming addicted, EVEN IF it means we invest less money and effort in treatment.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
b. Sentencing for dealing and distributing opioids should be sharply increased, EVEN IF this means putting further strains on our overcrowded prisons.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
c. All treatment centers should be covered by federal and other health insurance, EVEN IF this will sharply increase taxes and health insurance costs for everyone.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
d. Nonviolent opioid-use offenders should be released from prison providing they attend community treatment centers, EVEN IF this puts large numbers of opioid users back out on the streets.	<input type="checkbox"/>				

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| e. We should require occasional random drug testing for certain groups of people, such as those on public assistance or students, EVEN IF this unfairly singles them out. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. We should make naloxone, an overdose treatment drug, widely and cheaply available without prescription, EVEN IF this encourages addicts to experiment with ever more dangerous drugs. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
3. Did you talk about aspects of the issue you hadn't considered before? Yes No
- If so, please explain. _____

4. Were there ideas or proposals that you tended to favor coming into the forum that you now have second thoughts about?
 Yes No
- If so, 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 Other (please specify) _____
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 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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