

When voting for elected officials, you want to ensure that they share in the values and support the issues that are important to you. The list below consists of issues that exist within our country today. To begin the process of tackling these issues, follow the instructions in order below.

1. Define 20 of the terms/issues below (first choose ones that you do not already know the meaning).
2. Identify the top 10 issues from the list below that are important to you and that you want to know more about.
3. Rank them in order of importance (1 being the most important).
4. Explain why the issue is important to you.
5. Describe what more you want to know about the issue.
6. Record the above information on the charts that follow.

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| _____ Healthcare | _____ Civil Rights | _____ Environmental Issues |
| _____ Free Speech | _____ Foreign Aid | _____ Educational Issues |
| _____ Gun Regulation | _____ Extremism | _____ Income Gaps |
| _____ Planned Parenthood | _____ Electoral College | _____ Alt-Right |
| _____ Drug Addition | _____ Censorship | _____ Medical Advancement |
| _____ Prescription Drug Cost | _____ Affirmative Action | _____ Foreign Policy |
| _____ Mass Incarceration | _____ Electronic Hacking | _____ Capital Punishment |
| _____ Business Regulation | _____ Scientific Innovation | _____ Taxes |
| _____ Water Crises | _____ Internet Privacy | _____ Energy Crises |
| _____ U.S. Global Influence | _____ Net Neutrality | _____ Gerrymandering |
| _____ Lobbying | _____ Terrorism | _____ Voting Rights |
| _____ Minimum Wage | _____ Refugees | _____ Other (list your issues) |
| _____ Black Lives Matter | _____ Immigration | _____ |
| _____ Political Activism | _____ Hate Speech | _____ |
| _____ Women’s Rights | _____ Racism in America | _____ |

Definitions of 10 terms/issues:

Terms:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
- 7. _____
- 8. _____
- 9. _____
- 10. _____
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- 16. _____
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- 18. _____
- 19. _____
- 20. _____

Definitions:

Refer to the list of issues from the previous page to complete the charts that follow.

| Rank | Issues | Why is this issue important? | What do you want to know more about? |
|------|--------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | | | |
| 2 | | | |
| 3 | | | |
| 4 | | | |
| 5 | | | |

| Rank | Issues | Why is this issue important? | What do you want to know more about? |
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| 6 | | | |
| 7 | | | |
| 8 | | | |
| 9 | | | |
| 10 | | | |