



Latino Adult Education Services

LAES has developed a series of immigrant issue instructional modules entitled "Tierra de Oportunidad" for orientation to our complex society.

Date: _____

Student Name _____

Teacher Name _____

Student Survey Analyzing and Debating Issues

1. Have you ever thought about or discussed the following ideas with friends, family members or co-workers?

	For each line, Please check the box that applies to you			
	Never	Once or Twice	Quite Often	Not Interested
a. That it is an important skill to be able to formulate a sound opinion on an issue?				
b. That your opinion about an issue is valid and important even if you are not considered an "expert"?				
c. That it is often difficult to allow people, including friends and family members, to express their opinions when they disagree with you?				
d. That a fact is different from an opinion or a belief?				
e. That it is wise to expect that people will disagree about important social issues and what should be done about them, especially the most urgent ones.				
f. That people have to live together even when they don't agree on all issues?				
g. That every policy (public policy or business policy) benefits some people more than others?				
h. That every public or business policy can and should be looked at carefully and critically?				

2. Please read the information provided below and write your opinion of the situation:

Background: A big fast food restaurant has just decided to change the company who provides them with meat—the meat supplier— because some of the meat the company delivered was contaminated. The supplier has asked the restaurant to delay its decision. If the decision is not delayed, the supplier will be forced into bankruptcy and all its workers will lose their jobs. To help convince the restaurant to do this, the supplier has agreed to take back all the meat and, before any future meat is shipped to the restaurant, to test it to make sure it is not contaminated. The big fast food organization has asked you for help with making its' decision.

a. What do you think they should do?

b. Why? Please make an argument for your position including at least 3 points

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3. Are you confident you have the skills you need in order to be able to:

	For each line, Please check the box that applies to you			
	Not Very Confident	A Little Confident	Quite Confident	Have all the information I need
a. Determine what the issues are, in your community or in the US in general, which most affect your family and community?				
b. Discuss with your neighbors and fellow workers which issues they feel are most important?				
c. Assess what impact a belief, policy decision or business practice might have on your life and on the life of your community?				
d. Actively support people who feel as you do about an issue?				

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