

Consensus Questions

1. What is the appropriate role of government in determining wages paid workers?
 - A. None
 - B. Encourage employers to pay fairly
 - C. Require employers to pay fairly
 - D. Other _____
2. What level of government, if any, should set a minimum wage?
 - A. Federal
 - B. State
 - C. Local
 - D. Federal set minimum which state and localities can exceed
 - E. State set minimum which localities can exceed
 - F. Local set minimum for own employees and contractors
 - G. Other _____
3. What expenses should a living wage cover? Mark all that apply.
 - A. Food
 - B. Clothing
 - C. Housing
 - D. Energy
 - E. Transportation
 - F. Health care
 - G. Education
 - H. child care
 - I. Discretionary income
 - J. Taxes (income and Social Security)
 - K. Other _____
4. What criteria should be used to determine wages?
 - A. Free market
 - B. Consumer Price Index (CPI) (what if it goes down?)
 - C. Amount required to avoid poverty and not necessitate reliance on government programs and subsidies
 - D. Other _____
5. Who should bear the responsibility of alleviating poverty in the USA? Please prioritize, if possible.
 - A. Government
 - B. Business
 - C. Individuals
 - D. Non-profits
 - E. Other _____
6. When jurisdictions make changes to wage laws, should they _____ (fill in the blank) collect and disseminate data regarding the effects of those changes?
 - A. be required to
 - B. be encouraged to
 - C. be allowed to ignore and not
 - D. none of the above