

## Anticipation Guide

Note to Dialogue Leaders: Take a few minutes at the beginning of your Dialogue to have your group complete this Anticipation Guide. At the end of the Dialogue, ask if anyone's opinions have changed.

Directions: Read each statement. If you agree with the statement, check "Agree." If you disagree with a statement, check "Disagree." Be ready to explain your answers.

**Agree**      **Disagree**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. The Constitution clearly divides government powers among the executive, legislative, and judicial branches.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. Congress enacts laws, but it should not be able to tell the courts how to apply the law in a particular case.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. The Supreme Court is best able to interpret the Constitution's meaning because, of the three branches, it is least likely to feel pressured by popular opinion.                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. When the President nominates someone to be a judge or a government official, the Senate should be required to give that person a "yes" or "no" vote.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. The President should have the flexibility to commit military troops to conflicts abroad without the prior consent of the Congress if he feels that this would best protect our national interests.    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. Federal judges or government officials should not be impeached on the basis of an unpopular opinion or action.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7. Opinions that the President receives from his cabinet members and advisers should usually remain confidential so that these individuals feel free to give the President frank and honest advice.      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8. The Supreme Court's power to review the constitutionality of laws passed by Congress is an important "check and balance" to ensure that Congress does not exceed constitutional limits on its powers. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 9. If the Supreme Court made a decision that most Americans disagree with, the best response would be to amend the Constitution.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 10. The Constitution strikes an appropriate balance of power among the three branches.   |