

Inventory of Informed Voter

Rank the items below in order of importance to an informed voter. Then answer the italicized questions.

1. I read at least two parts of the newspaper each day as well as editorials or "op ed" section at least once a week. *List the sections you regularly read:*
2. I often read more than one paper to learn about an issue that is important to me and I receive my news from a variety of sources (radio, newspapers, television, electronic media, etc.). *Name them:*
3. I discuss my views on current issues with friends and members of my family. *Identify at least one issue you have recently debated or discussed:*
4. I have attended a local meeting on a current problem. *The meeting was about:*
5. I try to understand points of view that are different from my own and I am, therefore, able to cooperate with many different kinds of people. *Give an example*
6. I can identify at least one major state issue currently being debated in the state government. *Name the state issue:*
7. I am involved in a community service activity. *Name or describe the activity:*
8. I have helped with a political campaign or volunteered my time for a political cause. *Identify the campaign or the political cause:*
9. I think an important characteristic for being an informed voter is:

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