

## National Issues Forums Available Issue Books

National Issues Forum is a non-partisan organization dedicated to helping spark citizen discussion and engagement in important issues. The CSU Center for Public Deliberation is an affiliate of the NIF. Each year, they publish “issue books” that were painstakingly researched and written for a broad audience. Each issue book focuses on a problem, and offers 3 or 4 approaches to addressing that problem, and outlines the advantages, disadvantages, and tough choices inherent to the issue. Although the CPD will also be doing original research on specific local issues, one of the activities of the CPD will be to host public forums utilizing these books. With the difficult step of providing good and fair information already complete, NIF forums can be planned and hosted rather quickly. The CPD will also hold NIF moderator training workshops once or twice a year which would train individuals to host and moderate forums using these materials. For more information, contact the CSU Center for Public Deliberation at [cpd@colostate.edu](mailto:cpd@colostate.edu) or visit the NIF website at [www.nifi.org](http://www.nifi.org). If an issue book listed below is of interest, let us know.

Title	Year Published	Electronic Document Available	Follow-up Report Available
What is the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Mission for Our Public Schools	(in press)		
The Energy Problem: Choices for an Uncertain Future	2007		
Democracy's Challenge: Reclaiming the Public's Role	2006	Y	
Life and Death Decisions: Who Decides?	2006		
Americans' Role in the World: Building a More Secure Future	2006		
The Social Security Struggle: Fixing the Retirement System	2005		
Making Ends Meet: Is There a Way to Help Working Americans?	2005		
News Media and Society: How to Restore the Public Trust?	2003		
Examining Health Care: What's the Public's Prescription?	2003		Y
The New Science of Food: Facing Up to Our Biotechnology Choices	2003		
The New Challenges of American Immigration: What Should We Do?	2003	Y*	
Terrorism: What Should We Do?	2002		
Crime and Punishment: Is Justice Being Served?	2001		
Violent Kids: Can We Change The Trend?	2000		
Racial and Ethnic Tensions: What Should We Do?	2000	Y*	Y
Money and Politics: Who Owns Democracy?	2000		Y
From Welfare to Work: Who Should We Help and How?	1999	Y	
Land Use Conflict: When City and County Collide	1999	Y	
Public Schools: Are They Making the Grade?	1999		Y
Alcohol: Controlling the Toxic Spill	1999		
A Nice Place to Live: Creating Communities, Fighting Sprawl	1999		
Gambling: Is it a Problem?	1998		
Jobs: Preparing a Workforce for the 21st Century	1998		
Protecting Our Rights: What Goes on the Internet?	1998		
Our Nation's Kids: Is Something Wrong?	1997		
At Death's Door: What Are the Choices?	1997		Y
Illegal Drugs: What Should We Do Now?	1997		
Environmental Protection: A Challenge Bigger than All Outdoors	1996		
Governing America: Our Choices, Our Challenge	1996		Y
The Troubled American Family: Which Way Out Of The Storm?	1995		Y
Pocketbook Pressures: Who Benefits From Economic Growth?	1995		Y
Mission Uncertain: Reassessing America's Global Role	1995		Y
Contested Values: Tug-Of-War In The School Yard	1994		
Admissions Decisions: Should Immigration Be Restricted?	1994		

- Available in English and Spanish

### Additional available books (NIF format but not official NIF books)

Civic Discourse in a Crisis: Lessons from Katrina Toolkit	2006	Y	
Internet Choices in Public Libraries	2005	Y	
Reaching a Verdict: What Do We Want for the American Jury System?	2005		
Should We Ban Fireworks?	2005	Y	
Preparing for a Good Future: What Kind of Education Do We Need After High School?	2005	Y	
High School Reform: What Should a Community Do?	2005	Y	
Who is College For?	2004	Y	
And Justice for All: Ensuring Public Trust and Confidence in the Justice System	2001	Y	