C-SPAN CLASSROOM DELIBERATIONS

Background Video Questions

Deliberation Topic: Should the federal minimum wage be raised?

Directions: *To provide a background for the deliberation, answer the questions associated with each of the videos.*

The Question over Raising the Federal Minimum Wage to $15 per Hour (5:23)	
What is President Biden's proposal for the minimum wage?	
According to the Congressional Budget Office, what would be the impacts of increasing the minimum wage?	
How does Sen. Barrasso (R-WY) use the Congressional Budget Office report to argue against raising the minimum wage?	
What is the current federal minimum wage? How has this changed in the last 40 years?	
How does the state minimum wage vary from state to state?	

Who Makes the Federal Minimum Wage?-*Wall Street Journal* (1:01)	
Describe who makes the federal minimum wage in the United States.	

The Raise the Wage Act (1:30)

According to the clip, what three things would the Raise the Wage Act do?	
How would the Raise the Wage Act increase the federal minimum wage over time?	

From the video clips, brainstorm a list of possible arguments for and against raising the federal minimum wage.	
Arguments for Raising the Federal Minimum Wage	**Arguments against Raising the Minimum Wage**