C-SPAN CLASSROOM DELIBERATIONS

Background Video Questions

Deliberation Topic: How Should Social Security Be Fixed?

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

Where the Money for Social Security Comes From (1:31) Michael Tanner, Author	
Based on the clip, what happens to the money that individuals pay into Social Security?	
When an individual retires, where will the money for their Social Security benefits come from?	
According to Michael Tanner, what will happen with the Social Security program in the future?	

Solutions and Obstacles to Fixing Social Security (2:15) Charles Blahous & Robert Reischauer, Bipartisan Policy Center	
According to Charles Blahous, how is the "window of opportunity" in dealing with Social Security funds closing?	
Based on the clip, what are the two main actions that the government can take to address this shortfall?	
According to Robert Reischauer, why are lawmakers hesitant to address the problems with Social Security?	