

Rural→Urban Questions

1. Do urban communities understand the challenges/importance of living and working in a natural resource economy (food, fiber, mineral, wildlife – wolves)?
 2. Why do some people of color feel more accepted in rural Oregon?
 3. Why don't more people, including doctors, teachers, and other professionals, want to live in rural Oregon?
 4. Why do rural people generally vote republican and urban people generally vote democrat?
 5. Do urban residents consider the impacts of policy decisions on rural communities?
- Do you value rural contributions to Oregon?
 - Is there understanding of what it takes to produce products you need?
 - Do you value the economic contribution of Eastern Oregon?
 - Why are voter participation rates higher in rural/Eastern Oregon?
 - Does urban consider impacts of votes – ballot measures – on resource economies?
 - Why no homeless in Eastern Oregon?
 - Do rural kids do better long-term?
 - Policy making – land use, local impact
 - Local control through policy versus statewide
 - How can rural voices be heard politically?
 - Understanding of what is rural? Define/frontier?
 - Services – water from well
 - Connect with community partners. Communicate? Who does what?
 - Why less economic opportunities in rural Oregon?
 - Why don't more people want to live in rural Oregon?
 - How do you present “wins” to your community?
 - How do you (urban) evaluate impacts (policy) on rural?
 - How to prevent voter apathy?
 - Why no wolves in Portland?
 - Is there an urban perspective that rural people are racist?

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1. For the question about if you feel like you “truly belong to the community of Oregon,” why did you answer the way that you did?
 - a. For those not remaining in circle, why do you not feel like you do not truly belong to the community of Oregon? If you do feel you belong, what do you feel you belong to? (ref: why answer in the way you did?)

2. Do you feel your community values or cultural institutions are eroding? If so, what do you feel you are losing?
 3. For those who have a definite political perspective, what are your views on climate change, Medicare, defense spending? (ref: most political urban = progressive; rural = conservative)
 4. How does your community's stance on LGBTQ issues affect your relationship with someone you know from the LGBTQ community?
 5. If you feel state representative not representing you, is it because of the individual or the system? Is there a difference in your perspective to local versus state?
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- Tell me how you shop for groceries. How do you plan and prepare for meals (ref: cost you to live there, effect on how you plan your life)?
 - What living experience have you had outside of Oregon? (ref: don't understand perspectives of other people – U.S. only reference)
 - How far do you need to travel to visit an ER? What concerns do you have about that? (ref: interest/concern about health equity)
 - What does political partnership look like in your community? (different rural communities)
 - Did this exercise make you more or less likely to believe that you share common values across urban and rural communities? Why? Does that matter for policy? (ref: perceived cultural differences might be greater)
 - Do you interact with others with differing political views? What is your “media diet”?