**Journal**

Journal #1
Should we let the economy run its course, or should the government direct it in terms of tariffs, taxes, social services, immigration laws, etc.?

Journal #2
When purchasing something, what is your most important determinant? Please explain why

Journal #3
Are there any items you believe are overpriced? Which item and give a reasoning why you feel the item is overpriced?

Journal #4
Are there any items that should be free? If there is no price, how would suppliers know how much to produce?

Journal #5
Are there any goods that are in short supply, what are they? Are there any goods where we have a surplus, what are they?
Journal #6
Should we implement Rent Controls in South Gate? Explain your answer.

Journal #7
Since we have a federal minimum wage, should we also have a maximum wage, according to one’s job?
Journal #8
If you received $1000 from an unknown source, what would you do with the money?

Journal #9
How do you deal with competition, whether it’s academic, athletic, or romantic.
Journal #10
If you could invest in any company, which company do you think would give you the best return?
Journal #11
What do you think you will do about retirement? Yes, it is early, but it’s never too early to think about your life in your 50s and 60s.

Journal #12
if you owned a company, would you want to go public and have other people buy into it? You would get money to use in your business but lose control.
Journal #13
What effect would a rise in oil prices have on the following companies:
Toyota, Apple, Hummer, Yamaha, Benihana, and Tourism Industry?

Journal #14
Is there a company you do not buy from (boycott) because of politics, bad service, or any other issue?

Journal #15
Are you planning on moving out of your house as soon as you finish HS, or will you remain at home? Are you planning on helping with the rent/bills, or if you move out, have you created a budget?

Journal #16
During the banking crisis, the Fed bailed out some of the banks. Should we do that, or should we let those banks fail?

Journal #17
Would you rather receive a one-time payment of $10,000 or a payment which doubles every day, starting with a $.01 for 5 months?

Journal #18
In a market system, we allow any product to be sold, as long as the demand is there. However, should we put restraints on what is sold and available to the public?

Journal #19
Should we allow companies to move from one state to another, or even to another country, leaving people jobless?

Journal #20
There is no limit on how much interest should be charged on lending. Do you think we should put a limit/ceiling on interest rates?

Journal #21
Would you rather have an American Express credit card, where you have to pay the entire balance at the end of the month, or a Visa/Master Card where you are allowed to carry a balance, but may end up in debt?

Journal #22
LAX is planning on expanding and will need more land. People will be forced to sell their homes near the airport, but do you think this is right? (Public Domain)

Journal #23
As consumers and voters, we rejected Prop 37 last year. Do you think we should force businesses to provide us with information about their product? If so, how much info is necessary?
Journal #24
Should we allow HS students access to credit cards? If you could get one, what would you buy?
Journal #25
Do you think people who are undocumented and pay payroll taxes should be able to file and get a return?

Journal #26
Last year a garment factory in Bangladesh collapsed and so far has killed about 200 workers. These workers were paid about $.24 an hour. Childrens Place is one of the US firms that contracts there. Should the government not allow them to sell here in the US?

Journal #27

Every senior citizen has access to Medi-Care regardless of income. Should we limit this based on income…those who earned more than a certain amount would not be eligible. Why?
Journal #28
The federal government uses our taxes to take care of various functions (Discretionary spending: education, defense, hospitals, security, etc). Is there a category where you think the Fed is misusing funds?

Journal #29

Should we charge an extra tax on items that are harmful to yourself, or should we just charge it on things that are harmful to the environment?

Journal #30
Since we all pay for social programs such as WIC, should we continue with those programs?

Journal #31
Under the current Social Security system, today’s salaries pay for yesterday’s workers. Do you think it’s fair for young workers to pay for the benefits that retired workers receive?

Journal #32
Prince hated record labels because of their treatment of artists. He would prefer to release his music over the internet, sometimes giving it away for free. What about those who download music illegally, what should we do with them?

Journal #33
If you were a business owner, how would you treat your labor? (be honest)

Journal #34
Should we allow emergency respondents to go on strike? How about teachers during grading periods?

Journal #35
Should we open our borders to any type of labor?

What is the most expensive item that you have bought or was bought for you?
Journal 36
If you won the lottery, would you rather take the entire amount, or would you take the winnings over 26 years?
Journal #37
In about a month you will/should be on your own. If you are paying the following:
Rent – 350
Food – 250
Phone- 75
Gas – 250
Insurance – 150
Entertainment – 100
How will you pay for all this?
Journal 38
Should we use tax payer’s money to fund sports teams?

Journal #39
What should we change about the way we run our economy? (taxes, monopolies, regulation, etc)

Journal #40

Journal #41

Journal #42
Most businesses prefer to have a monopoly, which in some cases is not legal, but would you care?

Journal #43
There has been an ongoing fight to raise the federal minimum wage to $15. Should we increase it, and if we do, should it be a federal or should it be based on the state?
Journal #44
Should pharmaceutical companies that discover life-saving medicine receive limitless amount of money for their discovery? Think of Dr. Salk

Journal #45
Should people who incite others to destroy property or even kill be charged with a crime, or at least be forced to pay the financial expense of the crime?

Journal #46
When homes are foreclosed, they tend to stay abandoned for months. Should we force the banks to allow them to be turned into shelters until they are sold? Should the government force a private entity (bank) to obey?

Journal #47
Should YOU pay teachers based on test/graduation results?