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Objective : To have student facilitators lead sessions on social, community or political topics where members of the school community are able to engage in civic discourse in civil manner in order to model the respectful and productive responsibility we all share as citizens in the American democratic system of government

- Active listening
- Non-confrontational discussion
- Willingness to take and share an opinion
- Recognition that an issue may not simply have two sides
- Demonstrate a deep and abiding respect for the opinions and perspectives of others, even if you passionately disagree with that perspective

Topics for consideration for survey:

- Should Hadley regionalize its education system with Hatfield, Granby or another local town? How might that work?
- Should Hadley be considering opening marijuana dispensary facilities? Should our farmers be allowed to grow? Should there be a limit in state law on the amount of marijuana that an individual can possess?
- Should the United States serve as "the world's policemen"? Must we have a role in the politics of other nations? Should we withdraw from NATO or allow our international alliances evolve?
- Affordable housing/Tiny Houses/Zoning/ Taxation and Town By- Laws
- How does a school with a large majority of students and faculty who gravitate toward one political perspective protect and honor the voice of students or staff who fall into the political minority?
- Should healthcare/insurance be provided for all American citizens and funded by an increase in taxes?
- Are you supportive of a carbon tax to provide an incentive to reduce carbon emissions and slow the human consumption impact on climate change?
- New school?
- Flying or wearing a Confederate Flag/ burning the American flag- Does the first amendment allow all speech regardless of content?
- Should there be limitations on the press?
- Should the voting age be lowered to age 16 or raised to age 21?
- Should there be stronger regulations and restriction on the vaping and juuling industry?
- Should we provide students with free K-14 education?
- What are your concerns about college admissions policies? What are the costs of college?
- Should we continue school choice?

- What steps can the public take to destigmatize (Sensitive) actions and supports for mental health?
- What are the most important issues
- What restriction, if any, do you think should be an gun ownership?