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**Vocabulary Preview**

**Should Congress and the President pass legislation raising the Minimum Wage for American workers?**

**Directions**:

1. First, define these words before reading the articles or using the videos from C-SPAN Classroom Deliberations. Try a Google search or dictionary for definitions.
2. Then, as you watch videos and read articles, write down quotes of people using these words in context.
3. Finally, use these words in your deliberation and writing activities after you understand all sides of the issue.

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| **Term** | **Definition/explanation** |
| Federal Minimum Wage |  |
| Inflation |  |
| Cost of Living (COL) |  |
| “Living Wage” |  |
| Federal Labor Standards Act of 1938 |  |
| Low-skilled workers |  |
| Compensation |  |
| *U.S. v. Darby Lumber Co.* (1941) |  |
| Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution |  |

Background Video Questions: Minimum Wage

Should Congress and the President pass legislation to raise the minimum wage of American workers?

Answer the following questions as you watch the background video on this deliberation. (tiny url above)

1. From which house of Congress has a bill proposing a raise of the federal minimum wage originate?

2. Which political party is proposing this bill?

3. What happened in March of 2013 when an amendment to raise the federal minimum wage was added to a jobs bill?

4. What have states like New Jersey and California, and localities like the District of Columbia, done about their own minimum wage rates?

5. How might this affect the chance of passing a higher federal minimum wage in Congress?

6. How often is a proposal to raise the federal minimum wage brought up?

7. What are the arguments to raise the minimum wage?

8. Do people tend to be laid off from minimum wage jobs after wages are raised?

9. Is the minimum wage being raised where the cost of living is higher in the U.S.?

**Note-taking chart**

**Directions:** Use this chart to take notes on the strongest arguments for & against the question as you watch C-SPAN’s videos & read the linked articles. For each argument, include the source (name of the speaker or writer), a direct word-for-word quote, & a summary in your own words.

***Should Congress & the President pass legislation to raise the minimum wage of American workers?***

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| **YES (Arguments FOR)** | **NO (Arguments against)** |
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What questions do you have? What terms do you need to clarify?