Social Equality and Cultural Understanding
Visioning Sessions Raw Data from Spring 2012

Twenty groups totaling more than seven hundred individuals gathered for focus group sessions over the Spring 2012 semester. Represented in these groups were faculty, academic professionals, civil service staff, graduate students, undergraduate students, alumni, community members and corporate leaders. In the sessions, the participants answered the question: What are society’s most pressing issues? At the end of all the sessions, this information from each of the individual sessions was merged to create a comprehensive word cloud. Six major categories emerged during this process: Education; Economic Development; Energy and Environment; Health and Wellness; Information and Technology; and Social Equality and Cultural Understanding.

Combined raw data of Social Equality and Cultural Understanding-related comments from the Visioning Sessions are listed below:

Responses that were Social Equality and Cultural Understanding-related fell under the following headings:

World peace
Understanding differences
Equality
Safety and Security
Governance
Global relations
Interpersonal communication
Human Rights
Diversity
Understanding and conflict
Democracy and personal freedom
Support networks
Supporting the arts
Immigration
Ethical behavior
Justice system
Leadership
Social programs

Individual responses, roughly group by topic, appear below: (note: repetition of exact words was removed. For instance 33 people just said “Poverty” but it is only listed once).

- Child Abuse
- child health
- Child safety
- Child welfare system
- childcare for working families, Access to
- Community programs for youth
- The future of the nation's children
- Young talent utilization (fostering and promotion)
- Youth empowerment
- Youth population
- Inequity - increasing divide between economic classes
- Discrimination
- Discrimination/Intolerance
- diverse people, Accepting and respecting
- Diversity
- diversity appreciation and acceptance of changing demographics
- Diversity and cultural understanding
- Diversity and tolerance respect thereof
- Diversity for strong partnership
- diversity in increasingly connected world, Acceptance of
- Diversity of backgrounds and needs
- diversity of population, Increasing
- diversity on all fronts (culture, disability, etc.), Acceptance of
- diversity, Lack of
- diversity, Managing
- diversity, Understanding cultural
- end racism and celebrate diversity
- Institutional marginalization creating diversity
- Diverse faculty leaders
- diverse student body, Recruiting a
- educate the poor and under priveleged, how to
- Financial aid/ college
- Financial assistance for graduate students
- Financing educational opportunities for college attendance
- financing universities and student access
- Optimal education, particularly addressing achievement gaps between poor vs. nonpoor, immigrants vs. non immigrants, African Americans vs whites
- Achievement gap in education
- Access
- Access to affordable suggestions
- better life, Access to a
- better opportunities - domestically, Access to
- Equal access
- Equal opportunity
- Equitable access to opportunity
- Equitable access to resources
- Equitable distribution of health resources
- Equity and access (students - undergrad and grad student populations)
- Giving everyone a chance to be their best (contribute)
- Helping every individual to meet their potential
- Inequality of access
- Medical assistance for the poor
- Open access
- Opportunities for minorities
• opportunity
• opportunity for all
• Gender and ethnicity
• Gender Inequality
• gender, racial, and class inequalities, Presence of
• Sexism racism
• Sexual Harassment
• Sexual Orientation
• Sexual violence against women
• Sexualization of girls and young women
• economic development in poorest regions (e.g. subsaharan Africa), How to promote
• Health across social classes
• Homeless
• Homelessness
• basic human needs
• Basic human rights for all people
• basic needs – health education, Lack of resources to support
• Human dignity
• Human rights
• human rights and ensuring social justice, Preserving
• Human rights (LGBT)
• Human rights and democratization
• Human rights and government
• Human trafficking
• Hunger
• hunger - increasing population, decreasing resources
• Hunger and Poverty
• Hunger and poverty
• Hunger and Poverty (Along with rise of developing nations
• Hunger in America and world
• Hunger in third world countries
• Addressing the needs of indocumented students
• Citizenship and border crossings
• Creating a society that allows for the optimal adjustment of immigrants - a society that takes theoretical perspectives into account
• illegal immigration
• Immigration
• Immigration and Labor rights
• immigration and cultural change
• immigration and integration
• immigration laws/ policies, Poor
• Immigration policies - necessary reforms
• Migration of refugees
• achieving equity for all, regardless of gender oor ethnic group
• Disadvantaged Populations
• Economic and social inequalities
• Economic injustice
• economic justice, global
• Economic justice/equality
• Economic plight
• Equality
• Equality - in law and rights
• Equality concerns
• equality for women
• Equity
• Great material Inequality
• Growing rates of Inequality
• Inequality
• Inequality - low wages for low skill
• Inequality  social economic
• Inequality between income culture nation
• Inequality between North/South
• Inequality between North/South
• Inequality econ
• Inequality in education (primary->12)
• Inequality of US worldwide
• Inequality race class gender etc
• Inequality, Global
• inequitable distribution of wealth
• Recognize we are more alike than different!
• Social equity
• social inequalities
• Social inequalities - concentration of power, wealth, access to information)
• social inequalities, Rising
• Social inequity
• Social issues
• Structure Inequality
• Systematic social Inequality/inequity
• judicial system operates, How
• Justice
• law in mega cities, inability to preserve rule of
• Rule of law
• Gay marriage
• LGBT rights
• cost of living (gas rent expenses)
• Costs going up pay level down
• Decreasing household income but increase in housing, health expenses, Child case
• Pay for basics
• Rising living costs
• Rising prices of base commodities and food
• Poverty
• Poverty  social justice hunger
• Poverty of citizens (homeless; food)
• decrease prison population
• incarcerated population (prisons), U.S.
• Incarceration as a population (management strategy)
• Incarceration, Increasing number of jailed young black men
• Incarceration
• Prison system
• Colorblind racism and stereotyping
• Ensuring all genders, race, and life styles are accepted
• Ethnic and racial tensions
• Institutionalized racism
• Issues of racial identity
• Oppression (racism, sexism, classism, etc.)
• Race
• race and global relations
• Race in society
• Race relations
• Race relations
• Racial issues
• Racial justice
• Racial relations
• racial, cultural, and religious diversity
• Racism
• Social and environ justice
• social equality and justice
• Social justice
• social justice and racism in prison system
• Cost structure for societal welfare
• Funding social programs
• Insufficient/inadequate provision of social services
• Outreach
• Philosophical shifts away from "welfare" state responsibilities
• Proper aid policies
• social services and basic resources, Increased demand on
• social services, Loss of
• The U.S. Social welfare system
• Welfare
• Ability to transcend cultural and economic boundaries
• Ability to understand other cultures and their points of view
• Acceptance of others
• Alienation
• Attitude of entitlement among youth (absence of responsibility)
• Balances between acknowledging difference and accepting similarity among humans
• Better understanding of cultural differences
• Communication across difference
• Conformism
• cultural and social ideas, Acceptance of
• Cultural accommodation exclusion
• cultural awareness, Loss of
• Cultural clashes between ethnic groups
• Cultural Collaboration and respect
• cultural conflict
• Cultural connection/ identity
• cultural diversity
• Cultural diversity vs. integration
• Cultural education
• cultural identities, Weakening
• Cultural inclusion and acceptance
• Cultural inclusiveness
• Cultural investment in education
• Cultural preservation
• Cultural shift
• Cultural understanding of different religion, population etc
• Cultural/ religious extremism
• culture (globalization), Loss of
• culture sharing
• Culture war and family values
• difference ethnic etc., Lack of tolerance
• Embracing diversity and culture
• Ensuring cultural understanding to promote peace
• Fostering interdisciplinary inter-cultural inter-religion issues and relations
• Fragmentation
• inclusivity
• listening to and understanding multiple viewpoints, Lack of
• More tolerance for each other’s views
• respect towards others/disregard of Golden Rule, Lack of
• respect, Lack of
• societal issues by the public, Lack of deep understanding of
• Time for appreciation of others/beauty
• Tolerance
• Tolerance in an increasing global society
• tolerance, Improving
• tolerance, Promoting
• Too much time devoted to making allowance for difference - acceptance
• Understanding across cultures
• Understanding across races, nationalities, generations
• Understanding of cultural differences
• Understanding of global societies and cultures
• understanding of other cultures, How to increase
• Unfair treatment of vets of war
• Containing urban sprawl
• equal resources in cities, Lack of access to
• War on women unpaid labor
• women in developing nations, Poor conditions for
• Women in higher-education and in careers
• women, Lack of support for
• Women’s rights
• Women’s rights as citizens
• Women's access to education
• Women's and gender rights
• Women's health
• women's rights, Suppression of