

CHAPTER
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SECTION 4

STUDENT ACTIVITY
Survey on How to Help Those in Need **3**

Ask ten people questions 1–10. Record their answers by making a check mark next to their answer. Then answer questions 11 and 12.

1. Should the government continue to use tax money to help those in need?
 Yes No
2. Does the government spend too much on programs to help people in need?
 Yes No
3. Does the government include too many people in its social programs?
 Yes No
4. How should the government help people without jobs?
 Help them find a job Provide food Provide shelter
 Provide medical care Not at all
5. Should the government help everyone who is below the poverty threshold?
 Yes For a limited time No
6. Should Social Security be paid to everyone who is retired?
 Yes Not if they have a retirement plan No
7. Should the government fund medical insurance for all children?
 Yes Only if parents cannot afford it No
8. Which of the following do you think makes up the biggest portion of the federal budget?
 Social Security
 Medicare and Medicaid
 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
9. Should private programs take more responsibility for helping people in need?
 Yes No
10. Which is the best way to fund private programs that help people in need?
 Government grants
 Donations from wealthy people
 Donations from everyone
11. Did most of the people you interviewed support public funding of the safety net?

12. Do you think they understood the economic issues involved with government funding for these programs? Justify your response.
