

Discussion Questions

Since discussion questions are appended after each essay in the book, it is unnecessary here to provide another long list of them. However, some of the following broad questions might be added for discussion purposes:

1. How important is healthy community to the quality of life in South Dakota and surrounding states?
2. Do you think that a sense of community has been increasing or eroding in recent years?
3. What actions can be taken to improve community spirit in our small towns and cities?
4. What governmental actions can be taken to enhance community? Locally? Statewide? Nationally?
5. Outmigration of young people is a constant theme in the press and in political circles. Is there anything that can be done about this situation? Should we worry about it or is it just a natural development? What, if anything, can be done to counteract it?
6. What disciplines (literature, history, philosophy, biology, sociology, political science, and so forth) do you think have the most to contribute to our understanding of community? Explain.
7. If you had unlimited power and resources, what would you do to promote the sense of community?

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