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2006 Trends

Domestic

- Income/Wealth distribution: seeking balance between free market and compassion
- 1. market and compassion
- International competitiveness
- Multiple career challenges
- Higher priority
- 2. Education
 - Funding
 - Federal activism
 - Merit based rewards
 - Experimentation
- 3. Health Care
 - Improved technologies
 - Poorer distribution
- 4. Women in Business
 - More in senior management
 - More women owned businesses
- 5. More Productive Elders
- 6. Immigration Policy
 - Close borders?
 - Temporary workers?
- 7. Martial Law?
 - Patriot Act
 - Suspend habeas corpus
 - Military used domestically
 - Torture debate
 - Spying on citizens
- 8. Role of religion
- 9. Sustainable Agriculture
- 10. Energy Issues
 - Conservation
 - Pollution
 - Affordability
- 11. Sex-related issues
 - Preoccupation with

International

- 1. Peace among major powers
- 2. Terrorism
 - Desiring independence
 - War substitute
 - Angry with the World
- 3. Nation Candidates
 - Palestine: progress
 - Taiwan: risks war
 - Kurdistan: risks war
- 4. Nuclear Proliferation
 - Nuclear powers outside of Non-proliferation Treaty
 - Israel
 - India
 - Pakistan
 - New nuclear powers on the verge
 - N. Korea
 - Iran
- 5. More democracies emerging
- 6. Role of Religion?
 - Best hope for world peace?
 - Rising tide or Protectionism
- 7. Global Economy Integration
 - Prejudice overcome by cooperative business
 - Record number of market economies
 - Stressful for workers
 - Volatile commodity prices
 - Opportunities in change
- 8. Wealth Distribution
 - Access to Education
 - Access to Health Care
 - Sanitary Drinking Water
 - Famine

Nature

- 1. Increasing Seismic Activity
 - Tsunami
 - Pakistan earthquake
 - Volcanoes
- 2. Increasingly Violent Weather
 - Global Warming
 - Natural occurrence?
 - Human contribution?
 - International Cooperation
 - Prevention?
 - Reaction?
- 3. Pandemics
 - HIV/AIDS
 - Avian Virus
 - More will come
 - International travel and shipping
 - Drug resistant germs
 - Exposure to wildlife
- 4. International Scope
 - Human equality: all subject to nature's will
 - Pollution ignores borders.
 - Encourages compassion across borders

Reject Fear

What's a person to do?

- 1. Flexibility
 - Career
 - Investments
 - Location
 - Beliefs
- 2. Value Friends
- 3. Overcome personal prejudice
- 4. Involve Elders
- 5. Believe in multiple truths
- 6. Be Involved
 - Love Learning
 - Read constantly
 - Attend seminars
 - Relish disagreement
 - Attend meetings like this
 - Maintain Democracy
 - Study
 - Vote
 - Engage Others
 - Encourage Compassion
 - Tsunami
 - Katrina
 - Shrink the scale