

**Democracy 12 Deliberative Democracy in Action Part 1**

Please watch the PBS Special “[By the People: What’s Next California?](#)” After viewing the report, answer the questions that follow.

1. How were citizens recruited into the California process?
2. Who was involved in the overall event? Think of all the different roles. Did anything about the composition impress or worry you?
3. What were the topics of discussion in the California deliberation? What do you think about these choices of topics? Did they seem like a good selection, too general or big, or what? Who controlled the agenda in the deliberation?
4. Having watched some of the actual deliberation in the California case, how would you describe the interactions? Did the participants seem to interact constructively with each other? Were they respectful? Did they seem informed?
5. Did any details about the processes seem especially interesting or important to you? What problems, if any, occur to you about these processes?
6. How promising, if at all, do you think a process like this would be for a highly contentious issue like abortion?
7. What was the result of the California process? What followed their deliberations? Did it result in any concrete political changes?