**American Government**

**Tax Issues**

**Student Forum - November 2011**

1. **What are the arguments in favor of increasing taxes to ease deficit spending?**

**2.  What are the arguments opposed to increasing taxes to ease deficit spending?**

**3.  What is your opinion on the issue of raising taxes to address deficit spending?  Why do you believe that?**

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**4. List differences among states in how they tax items.**

**5. How could those differences among states cause problems for smaller online retailers?**

**6.  What are the arguments in favor of charging state sales tax on internet purchases?**

**7.  What are the arguments opposed to charging sales tax on internet purchases?**

**8.  Should South Dakota charge sales tax on internet purchases?  Why or why not?**

**South Dakota taxes**

**9. Indirect taxes – Find South Dakota’s rates on taxes placed on fuel, alcohol, and tobacco.**

**Fuel –**

**Alcohol –**

**Tobacco -**

**10. Are South Dakota’s rates higher, lower, or about the same as other states?**