

# Q Sort on Oregon's Water Future

## Overview:

This Q sorting exercise will be conducted using the online tool Q-Perspectives®. You will be sorting statements about water in order to operationalize your own viewpoint of what is most important to YOU about Oregon's water future. You will sort each statement about Oregon's water future based on how well that statement fits what is most important for YOU.

## Tech Tips:

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You will complete the activity in 3 stages:

1. **STAGE 1: Go with Your Gut.** Quickly sort each statement card into 3 general piles of agree, disagree, and neutral.
2. **STAGE 2: Think it Through.** Sort each statement onto a more detailed grid which is a continuum from most agree to most disagree.
3. **STAGE 3: Explain.** Explain in more detail what you think about any of the statements.

To begin for Pendleton, go to <https://tinyurl.com/yde6rq46>  
Type the unique participant ID number give to you, and click Login.

Q-Perspectives® Home Join a session Dashboard

Participant

## Participant Login

Please enter the following details

Name or Participant ID:

Login

Q-Perspectives®

## STAGE 1: Go with Your Gut

Quickly read each statement one at a time. Drag and drop each statement card into one of the 3 black boxes based on how it answers the question:

What is most important to YOU when you think about Oregon's water future?  
(You must have at least one card in each of the 3 black boxes.)

The screenshot shows the Q-Perspectives web application interface. At the top, there is a red navigation bar with the text "Q-Perspectives" on the left, "Home" and "Join a session" in the center, and a "Login" button on the right. Below the navigation bar is a light gray bar with the text "Participant / Pile". A black button labeled "Open Instructions" is positioned on the left side. The main content area has a white background and features the title "Pendleton Water Stories" in a large, bold, black font. Below the title, it says "Participant: (Name)". Underneath that, there is a instruction: "Sort each card (drag and drop) into one of the black boxes below." Below this instruction, it says "23 statements left". A single statement card is shown in a white box with a black border, containing the text: "1: I care about the health of our water because of my religious or spiritual beliefs." Below the statement card are three black rectangular boxes labeled "Disagree", "Neutral", and "Agree" from left to right. At the bottom of the page, there is a red footer bar with the text "Q-Perspectives" on the left.

Once you've moved a card into one of the black boxes, you can't move it again. But don't worry because you can re-think your choices in the next step.

## STAGE 2: Think it Through

In this stage you will place each statement into one of the boxes on a grid that ranges from Most Disagree to Most Agree based on the prompt: **What is most important to you when you think about Oregon's water future?** With this grid you are ranking the statements in relation to each other. For example, even if you find you agree with all of the statements, this step allows you to indicate how strongly you feel about each one. Values are the same within each column, and change as you move across rows. *Remember there are no right or wrong answers.*

**Pendleton Water Stories**  
Participant: (Name)

Drag and drop the cards into the white squares in the grid below.  
Remember the prompt: "What is most important to you when you think about Oregon's water future?"

Most Disagree								Most Agree
-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4

**KEY**  
C: Removes statement from grid and places it in "Re-sort" category in red box below for you to decide where to place on the grid.

**Disagree(8)**      **Neutral(9)**      **Agree(7)**      Minimize

- 1. The government should make sure public water supplies come first in a crisis.
- 2. If you aren't sure about the health of your water, it is your responsibility to get a water filter.
- 3. Environmental regulations do more harm than good.
- 4. I shouldn't have to pay the government for my water.
- 5. We should invest in water systems that keep people healthy.
- 6. It is worth it for industries to pollute water sometimes if they provide good jobs.
- 7. I should be able to control my water use to keep me safe during a drought.
- 8. Government money should not be spent on flood aid.

## STAGE 2: Think it Through

The statement cards will be organized according to the way you sorted them in STAGE 1: by disagree, neutral, and agree. However, you can now place any card in any position.

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Open Instructions

### Pendleton Water Stories

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Most Disagree	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	Most Agree
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9. Environmental regulations do more harm than good.  
16. I shouldn't have to pay the government for my water.  
17. We should invest in water systems that keep people healthy.  
19. It is worth it for industries to pollute water sometimes if they provide good jobs.  
20. I should be able to control my water use to keep me safe during a drought.  
23. Government money should not be spent on flood aid.

Access the cards by clicking on the three categories of Disagree, Neutral, and Agree in the red area at the bottom of your screen.

## STAGE 2: Think it Through

When you are satisfied with your sort, click the red “I’m Done!” button which will appear after all statements are sorted into the grid. If you need to re-sort any statement, click on the lower left corner of the statement card.

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3. The government should make sure public water supplies come first in a crisis.	8. If you aren't sure about the health of your water, it is your responsibility to get a water filter.	17. We should invest in water systems that keep people healthy.	1. I care about the health of our water because of my religious or spiritual beliefs.	23. Government money should not be spent on flood aid.	21. A good use of rivers is having large dams to create electricity.	18. Businesses need to focus on keeping river systems clean for the good of all.	13. Tribal nations have sovereign rights to protect the health of rivers.	15. It's okay to limit public comment for stream restoration projects if it keeps costs
	16. I shouldn't have to pay the government for my water.	19. It is worth it for industries to pollute water sometimes if they provide good jobs.	4. The impacts of climate change on access to water for all people concerns me.	9. Environmental regulations do more harm than good.	12. Having reliable access to clean water is worth paying for.	22. We should make sure water is affordable for everyone.	24. We should save money by making current water systems better instead of building new ones.	
		20. I should be able to control my water use to keep me safe during a drought.	6. Cities should invest in better infrastructure to keep all homes safe during floods.	5. Landowners are capable of keeping water healthy on their own land.	10. It is more important to protect water for farmers than for fish.	14. Cities should raise taxes to protect their water safety.		
			11. Private owners are better at regulating fishing than the government.	2. Lakes should be maintained in their natural state for the good of all.	7. All people, no matter their income, should have equal access to drinking water.			

Open

**STAGE 3: Explain** *You will have the opportunity to provide your thoughts on individual statements and to suggest points of view that are important to you and not covered in the Q-sort.*

The screenshot shows a web application interface. At the top, there is a dark red navigation bar with the text 'Q-Perspectives' on the left and 'Home', 'Join a session', and 'Dashboard' on the right. Below this is a light gray breadcrumb trail that reads 'Participant / Thank you'. The main content area is white and features the title 'Pendleton Water Stories' in a large, bold, black font, followed by 'Participant: (Name)' in a smaller black font. Below the title, there is a message: 'Thank you for your participation! Your responses have been received.' Underneath this message is a blue hyperlink that reads: 'For your final step, please [CLICK HERE](#) to provide your thoughts on individual statements and to suggest points of view that are important to you that were not included in the sorting statements.' A red arrow points from a gray callout box at the bottom of the screenshot to the 'CLICK HERE' link. The callout box contains the text 'Click here to complete the final survey.'

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