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**Community**

**Radio Listening Assignment**

*We’ve discussed a lot about how community informs our personal ethics and shapes the guidelines by which our society runs (social ethics). Now, you’ll listen to how people (in real life) are deciding how their community’s resources should be allocated (and the effects of their decisions) through the radio program “This American Life.” Complete the guided listening activity below. Following your listening, get together with a partner, compare your answers, and discuss the starred items together.*

1. Nowthen, Minnesota residents meet to vote on a consideration that would allow them to continue receiving \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ protection at the cost of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ per year.
2. In Springfield, Illinois, the state does away with the motorcycle division of its police force, resulting in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of resident fatalities.
3. Due to the recession, over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ government jobs have been eliminated since 2008.
4. Ira Glass says the central questions amidst the two political parties’ fighting is:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ A bigger, taxier U.S., or a smaller, cheaper, U.S.?
5. Ira says that the city of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ New Jersey laid off\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of its police force.
6. Sarah Koenig notes that one positive effect of the budget cuts is that a person can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. Sgt. Mark Kieffer notes a dramatic increase of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ robberies per week, whereas before the city reported \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ robberies per week.
8. In 38 days they’ve counted \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people shot. He notes that usually a shooting is reported \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ per week.
9. Governor Chris Christie attributes police cuts to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
10. Christie says that, “We cannot afford this stuff anymore.” He says so due to the fact that the economy is not experiencing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
11. Michael said at the city council meeting that he would be willing to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
12. Marge, however, argues that the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the city of Trenton is so small that the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would be huge.
13. Since 2005, the average tax bill has increased by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
14. Talea Stevens argues that she’d be willing to pay higher taxes if she could have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

\*Does this come down to a matter of priorities between the collective good and personal want? Discuss.

\*If you and your partner were in a similar situation in the city of Sandy Springs and were asked to vote on a referendum that would increase property tax to hire back more police force, would you vote for or against it? Why?

\*What was happening in Colorado Springs? Is this fair? How else would you suggest solving these issues?