

Cross Examination Questions: Penny

Affirmative Questions:

1. Would you agree that most people don't use pennies anymore?
2. Do you agree the penny is a waste of time? A waste of money?
3. Does it make sense to spend 3 cents to make a one-cent coin?
4. Do you think tax money is being spent well when it comes to the penny?
5. Isn't the nickel a better coin because people actually use it?
6. When was the last time you used a penny? A nickel?
7. Do you agree that rounding up or down on the total purchase will balance out in the end so that most consumers aren't paying any more than usual?
8. Do you agree that our plan doesn't state that pennies will be outlawed? They can still be used for cash transactions?
9. Which coin are you most likely to pass by if you saw it on the street?
10. What can you buy with a penny nowadays?

Add your own:

Negative Questions:

1. Can you explain the plan in your own words?
2. Will the rounding tax require rounding up? Isn't that unfair to the consumer?
3. Doesn't the nickel waste more money than the penny?
4. Does the plan really solve for all of your harms? How?
5. How many advantages are there to the plan? Can you repeat those taglines for your advantages? Does the plan actually deliver benefits?
6. Are digital payments available to all consumers?
7. Can the government control digital payments?
8. Don't you think the elderly, children, and homeless people still need the penny?
9. Do you think charities will be harmed if we eliminate the penny?
10. May I see a copy of your 1AC?

Add your own:

General Questions Either Side Can Ask:

1. Can you repeat _____?
2. Follow-up questions: Why? How?
3. Can you explain/clarify _____ in your own words?
4. What is your opinion about _____?
5. Can I see the evidence you read in your speech?