

Anti-Racist Task Force

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Welcome!

The term “fake news” has been used by those in power to diminish science, the lived realities of marginalized peoples, our trust in the media, and trust in our election systems. It is with this in mind that the Anti-Racist Task Force wants to remind our community of the power of being critical consumers of media. In a time that so much of our news is distilled into sound bites, shared on/through Facebook, or simply discussed by politicians as if their point of view on issues is the truth without context or evidence, the need to read between the lines, research sources, and weigh all the information presented to us through a lens of equity and social justice is more important than ever.

On November 2nd, 2021, local elections will take place across Ohio and as we choose who to elect to our local positions (e.g., school boards), it is important to do the research on those candidates and critically examine their claims on issues that matter to our society, like covid, views on institutionalized harm in schooling, equity, their positions on House Bills 322/327, to name a few. We have the tools to move beyond the political and to combat “fake news” for equity and social justice. Below are some helpful tools for this work and, of course, the Anti-Racist Task Force is here to help if the need ever arises.

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School Boards and Voting

These are all links to help you with making decisions around the November 2nd elections.

Mask mandates and critical race theory at play in NEO school board race

<https://www.wksu.org/education/2021-10-20/mask-mandates-and-critical-race-theory-at-play-in-neo-school-board-races>

This news story from WKSU gives some insight into the situation in Northeast Ohio.

VOTE411 <https://www.vote411.org/>

This is a great site for getting information on candidates and issues on your local ballot.

Sleepy school board elections are the newest political battlegrounds

<https://www.npr.org/2021/10/20/1047532269/school-board-elections-will-be-an-early-test-of-what-issues-motivate-voters>

News of another Ohio area where school board elections are coming front and center.

The Revisionaries | Texas Board of Education Textbook Battle | Independent Lens

<https://www.pbs.org/independentlens/documentaries/revisionaries/>

This documentary shows the power of school boards as it follows a state school board determining standards that impacted textbooks across the country.

Media Literacy

Here is a small collection of website and videos to support you in learning about and teaching about media literacy - something that is crucial during the time of elections.

Videos | Civic Online Reasoning <https://cor.stanford.edu/videos/>

This is a set of short videos (less than 5 minutes) from the Stanford History Education group on how to teach online media literacy. There are skill explainers for different media literacy skills and videos of classroom teaching. Check out the lateral reading skill video here:

Sort Fact from Fiction Online with Lateral Reading <https://youtu.be/SHNprb2hgZU>



Media Literacy Week 2018

<https://www.learningforjustice.org/the-moment/november-7-2018-media-literacy-week-2018>

This is the page for Learning for Justice Digital Literacy week - it includes more great videos, a lesson plan and a podcast.



AllSides | Balanced news via media bias ratings for an unbiased news perspective

<https://www.allsides.com/unbiased-balanced-news>

This website not only provides media from multiple sources and perspectives, there are also learning tools for learning explicitly about media bias.



S4 E11: More Truth – Scene on Radio

<http://www.sceneonradio.org/s4-e11-more-truth/>

This thought provoking hour long podcast episode gets into bigger questions about media - like what is media objectivity and does striving for it always support the status quo? What other media standards might be useful?

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