

Framework for Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement

Knowledge	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding one's sources of identity and their influence on civic values, assumptions, and responsibilities to a wider public • Historical and sociological understanding of several democratic movements, both US and abroad • Familiarity with key democratic texts and universal democratic principles, and with selected debates—in US and other societies—concerning their applications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of the diverse cultures, histories, values, and contestations that have shaped US and other world societies • Exposure to multiple religious traditions and to alternative views about the relation between religion and government • Knowledge of the political systems that frame constitutional democracies and of political levers for influencing change
Skills	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical inquiry, analysis, and reasoning • Gathering and evaluating multiple sources of evidence • Written, oral, and multi-media communication • Ability to communicate in multiple languages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantitative reasoning • Seeking, engaging, and being informed by multiple perspectives • Deliberation and bridge building across differences • Collaborative decision making
Values	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect for freedom and human dignity • Open-mindedness • Justice • Ethical integrity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empathy • Tolerance • Equality • Responsibility to a larger good
Collective Action	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moral discernment and behavior • Navigation of political systems and processes, both formal and informal • Public problem solving with diverse partners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compromise, civility, and mutual respect • Integration of knowledge, skills, and examined values to inform actions taken in concert with other people

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