

Do you have a comment?

Examining Multiple Perspectives on Public Issues

Benchmarks

SS.7.C.2.13 Examine multiple perspectives on public issues.

Warm Up Question: What factors most influence your perspectives?

- Select the **three** factors from the list that you think most impact your perspective on public and current issues.

Who are some groups that influence public perspectives?

- Friends
- Family
- Media
- Celebrities
- Politicians
- Special interest groups



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9:30 pm – 6 am

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You will be assigned a role:

High School Student

Parent

Law Enforcement Officer

Storeowner

Read the article and comment in the appropriate box on the article *based on your role.*

**DO YOU HAVE A
COMMENT?**

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- Write your role (example: Everglades High Student) and comment on the piece of chart paper provided.
- Post in on a wall in the room when you are finished.

Do you have a comment?

- Go to a poster that is not yours.
- Read the perspective of group on the chart paper and fill in their box on your handout.
- Leave a comment for that group:
 - Identify their strongest point
 - Provide your perspective in response to what they wrote

What do you think?

- Why is it important to consider other perspectives on current issues?
 - Did everyone have at least one good point?
 - Did you read something that you didn't think of when you first read the article?



Have your perspective
heard!

TOWN HALL MEETING

Checking for Understanding

Below are views for and against publicly funded elections.

1.

It is unfair to force taxpayers to pay for opinions they do not support. Voters should be able to express their opinions by giving candidates as much money as they want.

2.

Candidates would spend less time trying to raise money and spend more time talking about the issues. Some people can afford to give more money to candidates, which gives their opinion an unfair advantage.

Which conclusion can be drawn from these views?

- A. Running an election campaign takes many taxpayers.
- B. Campaigning for elected office requires many opinions.
- C. Campaigning for elected office takes a large amount of time.
- D. Running an election campaign requires a large sum of money.