
Unlocking Current Issues: Bullying

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Georgia Middle School Student Bullied on Facebook	This 2012 video discusses a Georgia middle school student, Alex Boston, who was bullied on Facebook. After being told by school officials that there was nothing that they could do because the bullying had occurred off school grounds, she decided to fight back. Alex sued two of her classmates for defamation and emotional distress. In 2014, the parents of the 13-year-old boy who created the posting were found liable for failing to compel their child to take down the Facebook page. In addition, Alex pushed a petition to get the state of Georgia to strengthen its laws. In 2015, Georgia expanded its anti-bullying laws to include off-campus harassment.	What Is Bullying?
Runty Duck Challenges Bully Rooster, 1933 Cartoon	This 1933 cartoon shows a classic example of bullying: direct physical aggression and verbal taunting. Think about cartoons you watch now or when you were younger. How does the 1933 cartoon image of a bully compare to shows kids watch in the 21st century?	Bullying Through the Ages

<p>President Barack Obama on the Impact of Bullying on the Nation's Children</p>	<p>Incidents of violent behavior and suicides have highlighted the fact that bullying is a serious problem. In 2014, President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama convened a conference on preventing bullying at the White House. In this video, the reporter notes that President Obama is connecting bullying with his larger education strategy. What are some ways that bullying in schools impacts education in the United States?</p>	<p>Serious Consequences</p>
<p>Prince William Attends Anti-Bullying Workshop</p>	<p>#Back2School, an anti-bullying campaign in the UK and Ireland run by the Diana Award charity, aims to reduce bullying in schools. In this video, Prince William attends a #Back2School workshop at Hammersmith Academy in London, where students are encouraged to talk about bullying and not suffer in silence. Explain how the program shown in the video works. What impact might this program have at your school?</p>	<p>Anti-Bullying Campaigns</p>
<p>Calls for New Laws to Deal with Cyberbullying</p>	<p>This video features Carney Bonner, who was cyberbullied when he was fourteen. In 2014 he became a mentor to victims of cyberbullying and called for new laws to deal with cyberbullying in the UK. But some feel that new laws are not necessary and that existing legislation to stop harassment and threatening behavior associated with cyberbullying are enough. Do you think new laws are needed to prevent cyberbullying?</p>	<p>What's the Issue Today: Bullying</p>

Unlocking Current Issues: Guns in America

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Boy Dressed as the Lone Ranger, 1948	Guns have played a prominent role in the American film industry, particularly in the Western genre. Gun-slinging cowboys such as the Lone Ranger inspired many kids in the 1950s to don his costume, toy gun and all, as shown in this 1948 video. Do you think guns in movies and television impact the use of guns in real life? Why or why not?	Guns in American Culture
Florida Congressman John Rutherford Supports Concealed Carry Reciprocity Bill	In 2017 a bill called the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act was introduced in Congress. If enacted, the bill would allow people who can legally carry a concealed firearm in one state to do so in every other state. This would require states with more restrictive concealed carry laws to honor permits from states with less restrictive laws. In this video, Florida Congressman John Rutherford speaks out in support of the bill, contending that the act protects citizens' Second Amendment right to bear arms.	Gun Crime and Gun Laws in the United States

<p>Maryland Congressman Steny Hoyer Opposes Concealed Carry Reciprocity Bill</p>	<p>In 2017 a bill called the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act was introduced in Congress. If enacted, the bill would allow people who can legally carry a concealed firearm in one state to do so in every other state. This would require states with more restrictive concealed carry laws to honor permits from states with less restrictive laws. In this video, Maryland Congressman Steny Hoyer presents his argument against the bill, stating that it violates states' rights and makes America less safe.</p>	<p>Gun Crime and Gun Laws in the United States</p>
<p>Gun Show Highlights Desire for More Firearms</p>	<p>The 2016 Shooting, Hunting and Outdoor Trade Show drew some 62,000 people to Las Vegas, Nevada, where hundreds of companies were selling the latest firearms to law enforcement, gun store owners, and industry insiders. In this video, Lawrence Keane, a gun lobbyist, discusses the fact that when politicians push for more gun control, gun sales go up. What are some reasons noted in the video for a spike in gun sales?</p>	<p>The Gun Control Debate</p>
<p>Mothers, Celebrities Rally Against Gun Violence</p>	<p>In this 2016 video, demonstrators with the group Moms Demand Action rally against gun violence and call for stricter gun laws in America. The organizers call gun control a public health issue. What information would be needed to prove or disprove this claim?</p>	<p>The Gun Control Debate</p>
<p>Obama on Gun Violence</p>	<p>In this January 2016 video, President Barack Obama addresses the issue of gun violence in America, calling on citizens and lawmakers alike to unite in a demand for safer communities. In his discussion of the issue, President Obama notes mass shootings, but also the gun violence in places like Chicago. Why do you think the President mentions both kinds of violence?</p>	<p>The Gun Control Debate</p>

Trump on Second Amendment Rights	At the National Rifle Association's (NRA) annual meeting in April 2017, President Donald Trump claims that "the eight-year assault on your Second Amendment freedoms has come to a crashing end." President Trump's statements in this video seem to contradict the increase in firearms under President Obama noted in the video "Gun Show Highlights Desire for More Firearms." Can claims made in both of these videos be true? Explain your answer.	The Gun Control Debate
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Unlocking Current Issues: Immigration in America

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The Angel Island Immigration Station	This 2009 video discusses the Angel Island Immigration Station. In the first half of the twentieth century, the station was used as a detention center where immigrants, mostly from Asian countries, were held and interrogated for days, weeks, or even months. The island and the station have been restored and are historic landmarks where visitors can learn about the experiences of those who came to America over 100 years ago. Describe the different perspectives that are represented in the video.	Immigration After the Civil War
The Historic Ellis Island Hospital Complex	In 2014, the Ellis Island hospital was opened to the public for the first time in 60 years. Located in New York Bay, Ellis Island operated from 1892 to 1954 and was the busiest immigration station in the United States. Over 12 million immigrants passed through Ellis Island. The hospital, however, was the last stop for many immigrants who were too sick to survive or too sick to stay in America. As discussed in the video, how did medical professionals benefit from the influx of immigrants?	Immigration After the Civil War

<p>Border Police Struggle to Stop Undocumented Immigrants</p>	<p>The U.S. Border Patrol is responsible for decreasing the number of undocumented immigrants who enter the country. Increasing security at the U.S.–Mexico border reduces the number of illegal border crossings as well as the amount of violence and crime in nearby areas. But some people feel that the border police aren't doing enough, and armed private militias are taking it upon themselves to prevent migrants crossing. What are some of the dangers of private militias also patrolling areas of the border?</p>	<p>The Melting Pot Today</p>
<p>Education for Undocumented Children and Teens</p>	<p>This 2014 video features Liberty High School, in Houston, Texas, which serves a large immigrant population of unaccompanied children and teens who have crossed the border. Access to public education is a right for all children in the United States, including undocumented immigrants. List reasons why people may be for or against providing an education to such immigrants.</p>	<p>Immigration and the Economy</p>
<p>Jeff Sessions on Sanctuary Cities</p>	<p>In 2015 cities around the country began stating that their local police forces would not cooperate with federal immigration agents. This was a form of protest against widespread detention and deportation of undocumented immigrants. In this video from July 2017, U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions urges Philadelphia and other sanctuary cities in America to cooperate with federal law enforcement in matters of immigration, claiming they are harming their cities' residents by refusing to do so. The Philadelphia Police Commissioner offers a different point of view. Do you think cities such as Philadelphia have the right to refuse to comply with federal immigration agencies? Why or why not?</p>	<p>Immigration, Law Enforcement, and Border Security</p>

<p>Trump Dismantles DACA Protections for Immigrants</p>	<p>The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), created by executive order by President Barack Obama in 2012, is an immigration policy that allows some immigrants who were brought to the United States as minors to receive temporary immunity from deportation and eligibility for a work permit. In September 2017, President Donald Trump stated his intent to halt the program. Critics of DACA have claimed that it provides “illegal amnesty,” while supporters believe that the program benefits the economy by allowing recipients to participate in the job market. What information would you need to form your own opinion on whether DACA should continue?</p>	<p>The Path to Immigration Reform</p>
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Unlocking Current Issues: Race and the Law

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Maryland Removes Statue of Roger Taney	In August 2017, the statue of Roger B. Taney that stood on the grounds of the Maryland State House was removed and placed into storage. Taney was the U.S. Supreme Court Justice who wrote the 1857 Dred Scott decision that upheld slavery and denied citizenship to African Americans. Proposals to remove similar statues all over the country have been met with both praise and resentment. What do you think should be done, if anything, with such statues?	Divided by Slavery
Mississippi Museum Explores Slavery	Mississippi celebrated its 200th anniversary with the opening of two museums: the Museum of Mississippi History and the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum. Mississippi has a long history of racial discrimination and was the first state to pass laws that limited the rights of newly freed slaves after the Civil War. The Civil Rights Museum tells the stories of many African Americans who were mistreated at the hands of the U.S. government as well as groups such as the KKK, reflecting on both how far the state has moved forward since that time, but also on how much more needs to be done. How do museums such as the one depicted in this video contribute to the current debate?	A Segregated Society

<p>The Senate Apologizes for Slavery and Racial Segregation</p>	<p>In June 2009, the U.S. Senate issued a formal apology for more than two centuries of slavery in America and the Jim Crow laws that restricted African Americans' rights even after emancipation. Under these laws, which applied to all public spaces, African Americans were segregated from white citizens and forced to use separate facilities including drinking fountains, entrances to buildings, and train cars. The "separate but equal" doctrine of 1896 allowed segregation to continue, and although it mandated that black and white facilities should be equal, they rarely ever were. What impact do such apologies have?</p>	<p>A Segregated Society</p>
<p>Trouble in Little Rock</p>	<p>This 1957 newsreel shows the upheaval that the <i>Brown v. Board of Education</i> court case decision in Little Rock, Arkansas, caused. <i>Brown v. Board of Education</i> put an end to the "separate but equal" doctrine and allowed the integration of black and white students in the public-school system. As depicted in the video, the Supreme Court decision was just the beginning of the fight for integrated schools in Arkansas and many other schools across the country. In fact, some argue that this decision was the beginning of the larger Civil Rights Movement in America. Provide reasoning for why you agree or disagree with this argument.</p>	<p>The March Toward Civil Rights</p>
<p>Civil Rights Act Of 1964</p>	<p>In this video, President Lyndon B. Johnson signs into law the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in the presence of government and civil rights leaders, including Martin Luther King Jr. The bill outlawed any discrimination based on a person's race, skin color, religion, sex, or national origin and allowed for the integration of schools and other public facilities. Considering the treatment of African Americans before and after the Civil War, why was the Civil Rights Act of 1964 such an important piece of legislation?</p>	<p>The March Toward Civil Rights</p>

<p>Shooting Death of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri</p>	<p>After the August 2014 shooting and death of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, legislators across the country began implementing new measures for accountability among law enforcement officials, including new training procedures and the use of body cameras. While some praise these new measures, others believe they don't go far enough in protecting citizens from police brutality. In your opinion, are these procedures sufficient in holding police officers accountable while on the job? Why or why not?</p>	<p>Racial Issues in the Twenty-First Century</p>
<p>Obama Defends Black Lives Matter Movement</p>	<p>In this 2015 video, President Barack Obama explains the meaning behind the Black Lives Matter movement. Black Lives Matter was organized in the wake of George Zimmerman's trial for the killing of seventeen-year-old Trayvon Martin. Zimmerman was ultimately found not guilty of second-degree murder, which sparked protests throughout the country. What are some examples of how groups such as Black Lives Matter can advocate for their goal of social justice?</p>	<p>Racial Issues in the Twenty-First Century</p>

Unlocking Current Issues: Transgender Life

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Soldier Speaks Out about Being Transgender	In June 2016 the U.S. Department of Defense announced that trans individuals would be allowed to serve openly in the military; however, in 2017, the Trump administration signed a directive that barred transgender people from military service. In this video, transgender soldier Jennifer Sims discusses how these policies have affected her. What benefits to serving openly does Sims note in the video?	Transgender People Have Always Existed
Summer Camp Embraces Young Transgender Kids	The Rainbow Day Camp in El Cerrito, California, was founded by Sandra Collins, who started the camp after struggling to find a camp where her transgender daughter would feel comfortable. How do those interviewed describe the benefits of the camp?	What Causes Someone to Become Transgender?
Transgender Activist Discusses Caitlyn Jenner as an Important Figure for the Transgender Community	Jamie Rafaela Wolfe, a transgender activist, discusses the importance of Caitlyn Jenner as a role model for transgender people and her coming out as an important moment in the struggle for acceptance of the transgender community. Do you think famous trans people help transgender people become more accepted in society? Why or why not?	The Challenge of Coming Out as Transgender

<p>Transgender People More Vulnerable to Depression</p>	<p>A transgender teen named Amber shares her experience coming out as transgender, and the depression she has dealt with. What does Amber point to as areas of support for her?</p>	<p>Learning to Deal with Gender Dysphoria</p>
<p>Theo's Journey: A Transgender Teen's War with His Body</p>	<p>Hormone therapy is an important step for transgender individuals who want to make a medical transition from the gender they were assigned at birth to the one with which they identify. In this video, a transgender teen named Theo discusses his desire to undergo hormone therapy as well as his hesitation to make such an important decision, a situation many transgender people face.</p>	<p>Deciding Whether or Not to Transition</p>
<p>You Don't Just Have to Be Male or Female on Facebook Anymore</p>	<p>In 2014, Facebook updated its list of gender-identifying options for users. Options for users include transgender, intersex, and androgynous, among others. What are the benefits to providing users more options? Are there risks?</p>	<p>The Gender Spectrum</p>
<p>Texas to Pass School Transgender Bathroom Law</p>	<p>"Bathroom bills" have been a much-debated issue in the United States since 2010. The laws require people to use the restroom that corresponds with the gender on their birth certificate. In this video, parents of transgender children discuss the proposed 2017 Texas bathroom bill that would have required transgender students to use only the bathroom designated for their birth gender while at school. The bill did not pass. In the video, a lawmaker states his desire to find a balance between the rights of the minority and majority. In your view, does a so-called bathroom bill achieve this balance?</p>	<p>Legal Issues That Transgender People Face</p>
