Middle school, high school, and college classrooms across the U.S. are grappling with our complex political, cultural, and media landscape. Students who want to effectively evaluate news and information, and engage with others on complicated issues, may not know how. Instead, they may retreat into filter bubbles where they engage only with people and information likely to reinforce their existing beliefs and ideas. In this challenging landscape, it is essential to equip students with media literacy skills to evaluate news and information more critically. But that’s only half the challenge. A healthy democracy also requires that we build relationships and have conversations with others on difficult topics, even (or especially) when we have different opinions. **AllSides for Schools** does both by providing tools, resources, structure, and information at that critical juncture where information and engagement meet.

Educators seeking to help students evaluate information, and navigate relationships online and in person, will find classroom activities, tools, and lesson plans that teach:

- **News Literacy**: Explores digital news, media bias, and how to appreciate diverse perspectives.
- **Respectful Dialogue**: Helps students understand and appreciate new ideas and people different from them.
- **Critical Thinking**: Enables students to evaluate information and navigate interactions across difference.

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Context on daily news and issues from across the political spectrum

Don't be fooled by media bias and fake news.
Unbiased news does not exist; we provide balanced news and civil discourse.

Balanced News Perspectives Blog Story of the Week Editorial Philosophy Apps & Extensions

Planned Parenthood Leaves Title X
This week, Planned Parenthood announced its decision to leave the Title X family planning program due to new Department of Health and Human Services rules prohibiting Title X grantees...

From the Center
Parenthood Withdraws From Title X Program Over Trump Abortion Rule
NPR Online News

From the Right
New York Times Editorial Board Covers For Planned Parenthood

From the Left
It Just Got Harder to Get Birth Control in America
Guest Writer - Left

Mass Shootings Prompt Debates on Guns, Underlying Causes

President Trump Postpones Trip to Denmark
President Trump has postponed a trip to Denmark after Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen rejected a discussion of the United States buying Greenland. Critics claim surprise at the...

From the Left
In Denmark, Bewilderment and Anger Over Trump’s Canceled Visit

From the Right
Trump cancels visit with Denmark PM after she rebuffs ‘absurd’ idea of US buying...

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Background
Gun politics in the United States
Gun politics is a controversial area of American politics that is primarily defined by the actions of two groups: gun control and gun rights activists....

Wikipedia

Dialog: In-Person
Constitutional Issues: Guns & Responsibility
An important conversation about guns and public safety continues in America today. Despite calls for compromise, the public debate continues towards the...

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Dialog: On-line
The U.S. should have stricter Gun Control
Gun control generally refers to laws or policies that regulate the manufacture, sale, transfer, possession, modification, or use of firearms. They vary...

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Community & Staff Picks
From the Left
Guns Kill An Average Of 36 People Every Day, And The Nation Doesn’t Even Blink
The shooting at Umpqua Community College is part of a steady beat of U.S. gun violence.

From the Center
National Rifle Association sues Seattle over ‘gun violence’ tax
The National Rifle Association and other gun rights groups sued Seattle on Monday over a new tax on firearms and ammunition sales, causing the city’s budget...

From the Right
Fed’s Fail to Enforce Gun Trafficking Laws, Congress Re-introduces New Legislation Anyway
The re-introduction of The Gun Trafficking Prevention Act of 2017 comes on the heels of...
Tools to understand bias in the media — and in ourselves

Students explore their own bias, and see and rate the bias of news sources across the political spectrum.

![Image of bias rating tool]

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Talk with students who think differently, in class and across the nation

AllSides for Schools offers many tools to help students engage in productive conversations and build relationships with other students across difference, divides, and distance. Lesson plans, in-class activities, conversation guides, and the Mismatch interactive video platform provide structured opportunities for dialogue among students from a diversity of geographic, cultural, political, and socio-economic backgrounds.
Tools exploring bias and relationships across difference
(see more at AllSidesForSchools.org)

**News Feed**
See news and recognize bias from media sources on the Left, Right and Center at AllSides.com.

**Conversation Guides**
Choose from structured guides on multiple relevant and current topics to help engage in friendly yet meaningful conversation with those with whom we may not agree.

**Bias Quiz**
Take quizzes to learn where you fall on the Left-Center-Right spectrum compared with others.

**Mismatch**
Connect with students across the country who have different backgrounds and political perspectives for a respectful, semi-structured video conversation.

**My Front Page**
Become your own publisher. Teachers and students can instantly pin news stories to their own personal page and make comments, making it easy to share and discuss information.

**Red Blue Dictionary**
Reveals how people across the spectrum define, think, and feel differently about the same term or issue.

**Issue Pages**
Explore AllSides’ Featured Issues, including news, conversation guides, and more.

**Balanced Search & Think Tank Search**
Search any topic or issue and find information from across the political spectrum. Discover diverse perspectives of news, opinion, policies and more, so you can decide for yourself.

**Story of the Week**
Right-wing and left-wing news outlets often cover stories in dramatically different ways. See one top story with a breakdown of coverage and opinions across the spectrum.

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