

## Civics for Adults Update Sept 23, 2023.

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### Misinformation, Fake News and Political Propaganda

Weds, Oct 4th. 6:30-8:00.

Registration <https://wccls.bibliocommons.com/events/64de681070573a3000af7a40>

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- ◆ Mainstream press and “fake news”
- ◆ Social Media posts
- ◆ Email clickbait
- ◆ Propaganda
- ◆ Language / terminology
- ◆ Deepfakes
- ◆ Survey / poll questions
- ◆ Economic data
- ◆ Graphs and charts
- ◆ Finding good information

#### Selected Civics for Adults Facebook posts:

This month I presented a workshop for Our Just Future, a nonprofit affordable housing developer. They would like their staff and clients - tenants of 18 buildings in East Portland, Gresham and Fairview - to understand more about elections and how to be civically engaged! How cool is that.

Here is a slide I used showing the City Councils of the three cities. The interesting fact is:

Population of Portland - about 650,000

Population of Gresham - about 115,000

Population of Fairview - about 10,000

Notice the disparity in representation? THIS is why Portland's City Council must - and will - be expanded to more people!



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Thinking of **running for office in Portland's new city government**? Here is a **guide** for candidates, put out by the city.

<https://www.portland.gov/elections/documents/city-portland-candidate-guide-november-2024-municipal-general-election/download?fbclid=IwAR3anc81fTGvrro7MIW6wIHJtD7Sa2qsbDAOh-W7h3xAmNKoMqnnbHEqdmM>

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The following two are slightly dated but things are only worse now. This is not a tenable situation.

**An amazing video from OXFAM.** It's from 2017

Several of the founders of the U.S. spoke against **concentration of wealth** / unlimited inheritance. They knew the dangers then. But they couldn't have imagined the way industrialization, globalization, and financialization might have supercharged the road to concentrated wealth.

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=10154300689391479&t=3>

Also,

**The 3 Richest Americans Hold More Wealth Than Bottom 50% Of The Country, Study Finds.** Forbes.  
Nov, 2017

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<https://www.forbes.com/sites/noahkirsch/2017/11/09/the-3-richest-americans-hold-more-wealth-than-bottom-50-of-country-study-finds/?sh=3c2e1e563cf8&fbclid=IwAR0saDWOMw5YIJLTtFc7AANj5i-L2PbYy67yEcBaCMrDiYGMKBTqvplBZO0>

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Sometimes in the Activism workshop I mention how a movement to have an independent redistricting commission in Michigan **began with one woman putting out a post on Facebook**. It snowballed into a campaign and, eventually, they won.

<https://www.salon.com/2022/12/03/won-in-michigan-this-year--and-fair-redistricting-was-the-reason/>

More at <https://www.facebook.com/Civics-for-Adults-1490728887922036>

Ask your local library or community group to sponsor a workshop! Thanks.

**Flyer** describing workshops: [https://static.s123-cdn.com/uploads/2516289/normal\\_5fe8c854352d5.pdf](https://static.s123-cdn.com/uploads/2516289/normal_5fe8c854352d5.pdf)