

Civics for Adults Update June 8, 2025

Upcoming workshops!

Misinformation and Propaganda—Telling Truth from Fiction

Are you overwhelmed with messages from politicians, news sources and other media? Distinguish truth from fiction using real-world examples

June 17, 2025. 6-7:30. In-person. Lake County Library District, 26 S G St., Lakeview, OR.

Representation, Our Federal Government and the Constitution

We'll look at the Constitution's creation, trace major changes and examine current limitations. In so doing, we will shatter some myths! Current status of democracy— The Constitution—Current issues of representation— Are changes needed?

June 18, 2025. 6-7:30. In-person. Lake County Library District. 26 S G Street, Lakeview, OR.

June 20, 2025. 10-11:30. In-person. Deschutes County Public Library, 601 NW Wall St., Bend, OR.

September 24, 2025 [roughly 5-7 tba]. In-person. Fort Vancouver Public Library-Cascade Park. 600 NE 136th Ave. Vancouver. WA.

Citizen Activism 101—Making Change Happen

Want to improve life for yourself and your neighbors? Strategies for change. Examples of successful advocacy. "Tracking" legislation and providing "testimony".

Tuesday, July 8. 6-7:30 PM In-person. Multnomah County Library - Midland Branch, 805 SE 122nd Ave., PDX, OR

Tuesday, August 5. 6-7:30 PM In-person. Multnomah County Library - Albina Branch, 216 NE Knott Street, Portland, OR

Selected Civics for Adults Facebook posts:

The thing about propaganda is...

when it works, you don't know it's happening.

"Habeas Corpus" "Only Congress has the power to suspend the writ of habeas corpus, either by its own affirmative actions or through an express delegation to the Executive. The Executive does not have the independent authority to suspend the writ"

https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/habeas_corpus?fbclid=IwY2xjawKzPnRleHRuA2FlbQlXMAbicmlkETFlb0xTamZnUE5EZ2h2UHNUAR40Ha-NM-1vp1Cqh0bliQ7ZNmUY1OtDfsQy6WOzS3yAAOycd4QWP5nasPUGb0Q_aem_ubXuAZ5FQlyfbudEl8dDGg#:~:text=HABEAS%20CORPUS%20IN%20THE%20U.S.,court%20lacked%20the%20proper%20jurisdiction

Houston, we have a problem.

72% of Americans say the U.S. used to be a good example of democracy, but isn't anymore

Pew Research Center. July, 2024. <https://pewrsr.ch/3XWJJRa>

A Majority of Americans Can't Recall Most First Amendment Rights

Annenberg Public Policy Center. September 12, 2024

https://www.annenbergpublicpolicycenter.org/most-americans-cant-recall-most-first-amendment-rights/?fbclid=IwY2xjawKzPd1leHRuA2FlbQlXMAbicmlkETFlb0xTamZnUE5EZ2h2UHNUAR4a1VBFurooMHMAFsFx4IZGs98v1n7a98Hc6elwAh-nnBVISZuLX8uq_cZkfA_aem_nvF7d5QTWJMC5HAjqHSQ9w

Fed. District Judge Howell's Opinion on the **Perkins-Coie case**, issued May 2. Very interesting.

https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.dcd.278290/gov.uscourts.dcd.278290.185.0.pdf?fbclid=IwY2xjawKzPRNleHRuA2FlbQlXMAbicmlkETFlb0xTamZnUE5EZ2h2UHNUAR7SPh_ce3Kb90FGf4W6-AvFCBsCA2h5CJkkMWUpqV16n55Ur4sVTGU090AFMg_aem_VKcYDUQHv1VZ4piliTlo6w

Here is some great material on the efforts by the **Data Rescue Project** to save federal government data that is being taken off federal gov websites.

<https://www.datarescueproject.org/>

Lots more good stuff on my Civics for Adults Facebook page!

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://files.cdn-files-a.com/uploads/2516289/normal_68015c18b94c1.pdf