

Civics for Adults Update July 1, 2025

Had a wonderful trip to Lakeview and Bend 1 ½ weeks ago! In Lakeview I presented Misinformation and Propaganda on Tuesday eve. and, on Wednesday, Representation, Our Federal Government and the Constitution to enthusiastic audiences who also really appreciated that I had come in-person. On Friday I was in Bend for the Gov/Constitution workshop and the group was again very engaged. THANK YOU Marsha Richmond, Lake County LD Director, and to Shelley Batty, head of the Library Board in Lake County. Shelley attended one of my workshops at Oregon City PL way back in 2017, and, along with Marsha, who had attended a virtual workshop more recently, decided to write a grant to bring me down! And thank you, Liz Goodrich, Events Planner for Deschutes PL. Yay, public libraries!

Please consider hosting the **Representation, Our Federal Government and the Constitution** workshop. It is an extremely timely and thought-provoking workshop that encourages us to consider what is working in our democracy and what may need some change!

Upcoming workshops!

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

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?

September 24, 2025. 5-6:30 PM. In-person. Fort Vancouver Public Library-Cascade Park. 600 NE 136th Ave. Vancouver. WA.

Selected Civics for Adults Facebook posts:

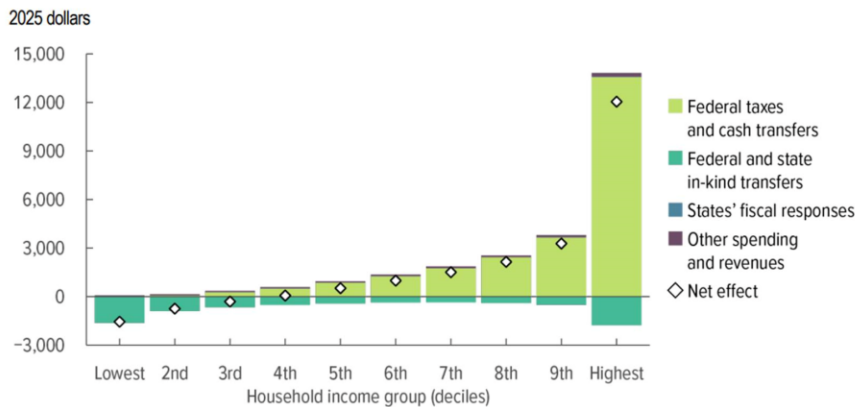
I have updated my Resource Lists for **Misinformation and Propaganda – Telling Truth from Fiction**, and **Representation, Our Federal Government and the Constitution**. You can find them available for download at <https://www.civictinker.info/resources>

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Although we don't yet know [as of this writing] what the final budget bill will look like, it probably won't be too different from the estimates that have been created by the Congressional Budget Office [CBO], the nonpartisan arm of Congress which evaluates budget bills.

Here is their report from June 12th: Distributional Effects of H.R. 1, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act
<https://www.cbo.gov/publication/61387>

Average Annual Change in Resources per Household, 2026 to 2034



Data sources: Congressional Budget Office; staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation. See www.cbo.gov/publication/61387#data.

On June 27, the CBO estimated the Senate's version, summarized by the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget: **CBO Score Shows Senate OBBBA Adds Over \$3.9 Trillion to Debt**
<https://www.crfb.org/blogs/cbo-score-shows-senate-obbba-adds-over-39-trillion-debt>

Hot off the press, the Joint Committee on Taxation [Congress] analysis of the Senate's just-passed bill:
<https://www.jct.gov/publications/2025/jcx-33-25/>

Oregon Legislature 2025 Session:

Oregon Legislature adjourns 2025 session as Democrats' transportation plans stumble

VanderHart et al. OPB. June 28, 2025.

<https://www.opb.org/article/2025/06/27/oregon-legislature-ends-2025-session/>

These are some of major bills that passed during the 2025 Oregon Legislature

Lugo. Salem Statesmen Journal. June 28, 2025.

<https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/politics/2025/06/28/roundup-of-major-bills-that-passed-during-the-2025-oregon-legislature-governor-vetoes/84387062007/>

Oregon passes 'historic' investment in public schools

Miranda Cyr. Eugene Register-Guard. June 27, 2025

<https://www.registerguard.com/story/news/education/2025/06/27/education-related-bills-oregon-lawmakers-passed-2025/84262172007/>

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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