

Upcoming workshops!

Misinformation and Propaganda—Telling Truth from Fiction

Thurs. Oct 23, 2025. 6-7:30 CST! 4-5:30 PST! Virtual.

Sponsor: Valley Center Public Library [Kansas]

Registration link at website 12 days in advance. Check Schedule page on website, or Facebook page.

Representation, Our Federal Government and the Constitution

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

"Donna is a consummate professional. Donna delivered relevant, timely, fact-based information in a non-partisan way.

Participants were engaged and left knowing more. Thank you, Donna."

~ Liz Goodrich, Events Supervisor, Deschutes Public Library.

Saturday, October 25, 2025. 12:30-2:00 PST. In-person

St Helens Public Library, 375 S 18th St A, St Helens, OR

Sponsored by Columbia County Democrats. All welcome!

Selected Civics for Adults Facebook posts:

Highlight! Here is an interview with me on a podcast called Democracy Optimist. It was fun doing the interview with Josh Douglas, Professor of Law at the University of Kentucky!

Among other things highlighted in this 20-minute discussion, I get to describe all my workshops! And I talk about how libraries are the best places for lifelong civics education!

<https://www.npr.org/podcasts/1232435802/democracy-optimist> Second entry.

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I updated the **Resource List for Representation, Our Federal Government and the Constitution**. Go to the Resources page on www.civictinker.info

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If anyone tells you the Framers wanted our federal government to be aligned with a particular religion, ask them why they put this **clause in Article VI of the Constitution**: "...no religious Test shall ever be required as a Qualification to any Office or public Trust under the United States."

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Article written by Josh Douglas, the law professor who interviewed me [above]:

Mid-Decade Redistricting: Why State Courts Should Be Suspicious

https://washingtonmonthly.com/2025/09/25/mid-decade-redistricting-state-courts/?fbclid=IwY2xjawNSWwBleHRuA2FibQlXMAbicmlkETFzOXBYS1o3NFVlYzdvaWJpAR6qSwB_xomrm7gkRmrvmg_nuL18rN8W5LVfrKzTExNV6xzuexFIjYIKxzifAXA_aem_bmKdWAJC9OOGIX_ak60YCW

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Portland – my city:

The **opinion putting in place a temporary restraining order on allowing National Guard** from Oregon, California and Texas [or any other state] from coming to Oregon:

https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.ord.189270/gov.uscourts.ord.189270.56.0_1.pdf?fbclid=IwY2xjawNSW1ZleHRuA2FibQlXMAbicmlkETFzOXBYS1o3NFVlYzdvaWJpAR77_f6RFwmyxwKHZlup9tagekagW9iXkpnJPguHBjXU-KrTydStrehbXVvSLq_aem_x-hi0QCd63IKvdALRiYfOQ

Article from our primary state newspaper, the Oregonian, discussing how there is more violence aimed at nonviolent protesters than there is violence coming from protester. And from what I've been able to glean there has been very, very little violence from protesters. The notion that Portland is "war zone", that buildings are being "burned down", etc. is, to be blunt, propaganda and bears no relation to reality [something the judge said, btw]. Bear in mind all activities are taking place on one block south of the downtown area.

Video shows federal agents striking, spraying nonviolent Portland protesters The Oregonian. Sept 23, 2025.

https://www.oregonlive.com/crime/2025/09/video-shows-federal-agents-striking-spraying-nonviolent-portland-protesters.html?fbclid=IwY2xjawNSW99leHRuA2FibQlXMAbicmlkETFzOXBYS1o3NFVlYzdvaWJpAR7zDut9eUQkEv_oP07sgA_1FICi3s5hJGwK-A4WzZ4foYpT9bls8XpEnkhjgw_aem_FePI2tDLj8_Uxt_auAtVZA

and an absolutely egregious example of federal agents accosting nonviolent protesters – in this case they were in their 80's!:

Federal agents knock down elderly couple during Portland protest. The Oregonian. Oct 4, 2025

https://www.oregonlive.com/politics/2025/10/federal-agents-knock-down-elderly-couple-during-portland-protest.html?fbclid=IwY2xjawNPiDpleHRuA2FibQixMABicmIkETFoZlc5NERlazzFSU3AyYXFAPAR57hJvUkQ0vq03flCmMbK5JukFI-bwxbh0e3o9L9bmN7JMbDC9RcRWeOtVntg_aem_A3qLs2ZltE44VCaj2vSACA

It's the couple with the vet sign and the wheelchair.



She ended up with this:



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Know your Constitutional rights:

Protestors' Rights. ACLU.

<https://www.aclu.org/know-your-rights/protesters-rights>

Protests & Public Safety: A Guide for Cities & Citizens

Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection. Georgetown Law School.

<https://constitutionalprotestguide.org/>

View section by section or download the whole 126-page guide.

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More 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