

Civics for Adults Update, March 8, 2022

Free, virtual.

Misinformation, Fake News and Political Propaganda

THURSDAY, MARCH 10 6-7:30

[Sponsor: Oregon City PL] **Register:**

<https://orc-city-library.libcal.com/calendar/events/civicsworkshop?hs=a>

“Very good, solid information – This is what all Americans need to know.”

“I consider myself a well-informed citizen but I learned a great deal of new information”

- 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

The Constitution: Fulfilling Democracy's Promise? - Democracy, The Constitution and Representation

SATURDAY, MARCH 23 7-8:30

[Sponsor Lake Oswego] **Register:**

<https://www.ci.oswego.or.us/library/online-constitution-fulfilling-democracys-promise?date=0>

We'll look at the Constitution's creation, trace major changes to its interpretation, and examine its current structural limitations.

“Well organized, excellent information!”

“Loved it...well-rounded, wide array of examples!”

- Status of democracy
- Early America
- Forming a country / Bill of Rights
- Structural issues / representation
- Interpreting the Constitution
- Changes needed?

Civics for Adults Pre-Conference at the Public Library Association Conference, March 22, 2022. *“Fostering a Stronger and More Inclusive Democracy Through Library Programming”.*

Selected Civics for Adults Facebook posts:

A reminder that there is such a thing as **real reporting**. I guess it takes a crisis - like Ukraine - to sometimes bring it out.

<https://www.cjr.org/opinion/ukraine-invasion-russia-cnn-cable-news.php>

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Example of false information about Ukraine https://apnews.com/article/fact-checking-000942109550?utm_medium=APFactCheck&utm_source=Twitter&utm_campaign

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Primary elections are coming! Here is an article about our current system of Primaries. Be on the lookout, though, for a ballot initiative in 2022 which would change how we do Primary elections in the future.

https://www.oregoncapitalinsider.com/opinion/opinion-how-to-pry-open-a-closed-primary/article_dc81de5c-95bf-11ec-8f71-c7752cc38444.html?utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=oregon-capital-insider&utm_medium=email&utm_content=read%20more&fbclid=IwAR2pWkj7ptXNsMZ0y0lslB8Q4QJbYQvxcMI9OoNgpwWRzL0rHCuyZIRxCDQ

Here is info on **the ballot initiative we may be seeing**. I'm sure they would like your help, too, if you are interested.

<https://oregonopenprimaries.org/>

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How to Spot Video and Photo Fakes as Russia Invades Ukraine. Poynter Institute.

https://www.poynter.org/reporting-editing/2022/how-to-spot-video-and-photo-fakes-as-russia-invades-ukraine/?fbclid=IwAR2jVj438of0ZWS8gm4J5D-ePp3u_E9O3kiQdJKhJPgTGTZwuMCMLcl3Amw

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In the 17th Century, England was based on an hereditary system of wealth [based on land]. The Founders knew that **dynastic, hereditary wealth inequality is incompatible with basic tenets of self-governance** [wealth inequality = political inequality] and hoped we could avoid it. But, they didn't see what industrialization/financialization would do.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2022/02/23/congress-inheritance-taxes-fix-wealth-inequality/?utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter&utm_campaign=wp_opinions

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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

Donna was interviewed on **OPB's Think Out Loud** in October, 2020!

<https://www.opb.org/article/2020/10/30/civics-educator-aims-to-enhance-knowledge-and-engagement-in-political-process/>