

EXTEND THE RESOURCES

Below is a list of ideas and ways you might use the resources provided on this Classroom Law Project resource page to extend learning and civic engagement for your students:

Start with Choice & Inquiry:

Each of the sections on this Current Event Resource Page connects to the topic of democracy and its current state in the world as of 2021. There should be a subtopic within this broad issue that students find interesting. For example, the various forms of democracy within the world, the United States' role as a leader within the democratic nations, the rise of non-democratic nations within the world, the causes behind anti-democratic behaviors within established democracies and many more. Give students the opportunity to choose a topic or connection of interest and start with that.

Extensions with the Articles/Editorials:

- News Analysis worksheets (handout on current event page)
- Further News Research (Research Tips handout on current event page)
- Annotated summaries of articles
- Socratic discussions with shared article texts

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- Dig more deeply into the topic by having students participate in a Gallery Walk in which they learn about various current governments. Students can read and learn about different types of governments and world leaders from a variety of nations. They can then examine, through a rubric of their own creation, or a pre-existing one, just how democratic each nation is and what makes that so.
- Students can identify and advocate for various actions they and their community members can take to address the 'backsliding' currently taking place within the United States. Students can host forums or create PSA's in which they explain to target audiences what they have learned and suggest ways people could secure democratic institutions.
- Create a debate or presentation in which students present their own ideas about the causes of the democratic backslide and which of the causes need to be addressed first.