



Preparing students to participate thoughtfully in democracy – and in life

A marriage of heart and mind

Thoughtfulness is both intellectual and emotional, relies on logic and relationship, and requires critical thinking and collaboration. True understanding comes from both sides of the brain.

Two organizations have joined forces to deliver the best of both in a new, transformative nonprofit program for schools that prepares students to be great participants in society and their own lives.



Living Room Conversations revitalize the art of conversation among people with diverse views and remind us all of the power and beauty of respectful discourse.

Everyone agrees to:

- ✓ Be curious and open to learning
- ✓ Show respect and suspend judgment
- ✓ Look for common ground & understanding
- ✓ Be authentic and welcome that from others
- ✓ Be purposeful and to the point
- ✓ Own and guide the conversation

This conversation structure then gives everyone a chance to speak about their hopes and concerns in a way that reminds everyone of our shared values. At this point we are able to listen with more open hearts and minds.

By valuing our differences, benefitting from everyone's best ideas and caring about the welfare of the whole, we create more resilient, creative and successful outcomes.

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Today's news media, social networks, and filtered search make it hard to get balanced information, interact with civility, and think critically.

Despite its many benefits, the Internet traps us in bubbles that are so one sided and homogenous that they leave us misinformed and disdainful of anyone different from us. This harms all of us.

AllSides breaks through that bubble, providing students and all of us specialized tools to:

- ✓ See all sides of news and issues,
- ✓ Appreciate and talk with people with diverse backgrounds and perspectives,
- ✓ Critically evaluate topics to make better decisions for ourselves and for society.

AllSides' unique patent-pending technologies and services pierce through the partisanship, rude chatter and misinformation so students can truly think for themselves and develop interpersonal and critical thinking skills they need for the future.

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“thoughtfulness”**
for students in
this program



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