

WHY CORRECT PERCEPTION GAPS IN THE CLASSROOM?

Jumpstart civil discourse

Reduce anxiety / hesitancy to engage in conversations due to misperceptions of each other, and increase interest to engage when students realize there are many areas of common ground and the "other side" also has curiosity to learn about them

Teach media literacy

Cover the underlying perverse incentives in media, social media, etc. that can distort Americans' views of each other

Increase understanding of fellow Americans / reduce affective polarization

Use survey data to challenge overly negative characterizations of Americans across politics, which both reduces affective polarization and increases media literacy

Boost support for democratic forms of government and expression

Highlight one of the top-performing videos from the Strengthening Democracy Challenge, led by Stanford, that significantly reduced anti-democratic attitudes and support for political violence (QR code below)

Inspire action to reduce political divides

Discuss and explore potential solutions to these challenges, which may encourage students to take productive action

GIVE HOPE IN A DIFFICULT POLITICAL CLIMATE!

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Lesson plan
and survey



Top-performing
video in lesson plan

