



Civil Rights

Overview

During the 2025 session, Legislative Pages (students ages 14-16) had the opportunity to interview legislators from both the Majority party and the Minority party about issues of interest. In this lesson, students will learn about where the Majority Party, currently the Democrats, and the Minority Party, currently the Republicans, stand on three important policies addressed by the Civil Rights and Judiciary Committee.

Essential Questions

- How do the beliefs of those in the majority party differ from those in the minority party?
- How does Washington State address issues of civil rights through the policymaking process?

Materials Needed

- [KWL Chart](#)
- “On The Issues” Civil Rights: [Firearm Legislation](#); [Equity in the Courts](#); [Minimum Wage](#)
- [Viewer’s Guide](#)
- [Further Research Opportunities](#)

Activity (20 minutes)

1. Distribute the KWL chart to the students.
2. In pairs, have students fill out what they already know about policies regarding Civil Rights in Washington, as well as what they want to know.
3. Watch the “On the Issues” videos, using the discussion questions to guide students in understanding the differences between the policy ideas.
4. In pairs, have students fill out the Learn section of the KWL chart, focusing on the similarities and differences between the Legislators’ ideas.
5. Distribute the Further Research Opportunities handout to students who wish to investigate this issue further.