

VIGO COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

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TEACHING ABOUT CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES

The schools should provide opportunities for pupils, according to their maturity, to analyze current problems, gather and organize pertinent facts, discriminate between fact and opinion, detect propaganda, identify prejudice, draw intelligent conclusions, respect the opinion of others, and accept the principles of majority rule and the rights of minorities.

In the study of controversial issues, the pupil has four rights to be recognized:

1. The right to study any controversial issues which have political, economic, or social significance and concerning which he should begin to have an opinion based on his level of maturity.
2. The right to free access to all important information.
3. The right to study under competent instruction in an atmosphere free from bias and prejudice.
4. The right to form and express his own opinion without jeopardizing his relation to his teacher or the school.

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