

## Civics for Adults Update, Dec 1, 2021

**Next workshop – Dec 8.** 6-7:30. - *Misinformation, Fake News and Political Propaganda.*

**Now Open to All!** Register - [Misinformation, Fake News and Political Propaganda | Multnomah County Library \(multcolib.org\)](#)

Donna was interviewed on **OPB's Think Out Loud** recently! <https://www.opb.org/article/2020/10/30/civics-educator-aims-to-enhance-knowledge-and-engagement-in-political-process/>

**Flyer** describing all workshops: [https://cdn-cms.f-static.net/uploads/2516289/normal\\_5ef7d00a31df4.pdf](https://cdn-cms.f-static.net/uploads/2516289/normal_5ef7d00a31df4.pdf)

### Upcoming Workshops

\*For updates on registration links, see [www.civictinker.info/schedule](http://www.civictinker.info/schedule)

#### Misinformation, Fake News and Political Propaganda

Are you overwhelmed with messages from politicians, news sources and other media? Distinguish truth from fiction using real-world examples. Become your own “factchecker”! Also, how to find accurate information.

*“Loved it...well-rounded, wide array of examples!”*

**Tuesday December 8, 6-7:30.** Register - [Misinformation, Fake News and Political Propaganda | Multnomah County Library \(multcolib.org\)](#)

**Thursday January 28, 12-1:30** Register: TBA\*

#### Beyond Voting: Elections and Campaign Financing

Voting as Constitutional right(?), Election Security, Voter Suppression, Alternative Voting Systems, Redistricting, Electoral College, Campaign Financing, Tracking Campaign \$, Public Financing of Elections.

*“I consider myself a well-informed citizen but I learned a great deal of new information”*

**Thursday Jan 13, 6:00-7:30** Register anytime if you live in Bandon Public Library district; two weeks in advance if you don't: 541-347-3221 or [bandonlibrary2018@gmail.com](mailto:bandonlibrary2018@gmail.com)

**Tuesday January 19, 6:00-7:30** Register anytime if you live in Mult/Wash/Clackamas Cnty; two weeks in advance if you don't: [Beyond Voting: Elections and Campaign Financing | Multnomah County Library \(multcolib.org\)](#)

#### The Constitution: Fulfilling Democracy's Promise?

We'll look at the Constitution's creation, trace major changes to its interpretation, and then examine some structural limitations. We'll puncture some myths and develop a perspective that helps evaluate its meaning more thoughtfully in light of contemporary concerns.

*“Good level of history and contemporary political ideas”*

**Wednesday Feb 3.** 6-7:30. Register anytime for League of Women Voters – Umpqua Valley people. For non-LWVUV folks, TBA.\*

**Wednesday May 12.** 6-7:30. Register anytime if you live in Bandon Public Library district; two weeks in advance if you don't: 541-347-3221 or [bandonlibrary2018@gmail.com](mailto:bandonlibrary2018@gmail.com)

#### Citizen Activism 101 — Making Change Happen

Learn about types of advocacy and strategies for change. Brief historical perspective; Examples of successful advocacy—local-national; Choosing your battles; Who makes the rules? Getting heard; tools for change;

“Tracking” state and federal legislation.

*“Excellent. Thanks!”*

**Wednesday March 3.** 6-7:30. Register anytime if you live in Bandon Public Library district; two weeks in advance if you don't: 541-347-3221 or [bandonlibrary2018@gmail.com](mailto:bandonlibrary2018@gmail.com)

*Want to see more? Ask your local library or community group to sponsor a workshop! Thanks.*

#### Sampling of Facebook posts

Here is the audio of the case heard today/yesterday [depending on when I send this out!] about **whether undocumented people should be included in the Census** count. Note that the Constitution says the Census should count all persons, not all citizens.

[\[Trump v. New York\] Oral Argument | C-SPAN.org \(c-span.org\)](#)

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**Big, structural change may be coming to the government of Portland.**

Congratulations to those selected to be on the City of Portland's Charter Review Commission, which will recommend changes to the structure of Portland's government. Looks like a high-powered group!!

[Meet Your Charter Commissioners | Portland.gov](#)

**First use of Ranked-Choice Voting in Oregon.** In Benton County. Discussion on Think Out Loud.

[Ranked choice voting gets first use in Benton County - OPB](#)

I wonder how many are aware that **if we had Ranked-Choice Voting in Portland, the Mayoral race in Portland would have likely come out quite differently.**

[Portland Might Have Elected A New Mayor With Ranked Choice Voting - Sightline Institute](#)

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When the Constitution was enacted each House member represented approximately 6,000 people. THAT was the Framers' idea of "representation". On average, now, a Congressional Representative represents 750,000 people. Something to consider, eh?

The Framers did anticipate growth - up to a point. Madison and others wanted to cap the number of people a House member represented to 30-50,000 [different proposals]. This tells us a lot about what they felt representation meant and about how far into the future their imaginations could go.

**The U. S. actually has one of the, if the not the biggest, ratios of representatives to population of any developed country.** Most countries have far fewer people per member of the national governing body. I talk about this in the Constitution workshop. I think **the topic of representation is fascinating - and deeply significant for our democracy.**

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