What is civic learning/civic engagement, and why it might be relevant for your course
GOALS FOR TODAY:

• Define some terms

• Brainstorm what civic engagement, civic learning…
  • -offers to our students
  • -can look like

*Remind you to consider applying for the Faculty Learning Community on Advocacy, Deliberation, Civic Engagement
I’M NOT AN EXPERT

You may be.
Civic Learning: “… includes knowledge, skills, values & the capacity to work with others on civic and societal challenges…” (AAC&U)

Civic engagement [is] an array of knowledge, abilities, values, attitudes, and behaviors that in combination allow individuals to contribute to the civic life of their communities. It may include, among other things, exploration of one’s role and responsibilities in society; knowledge of and ability to engage with political systems and processes; and/or course-based or extra-curricular efforts to identify and address issues of public or community concern. ~ SCHEV Policy on Student Learning Assessment and Quality in Undergraduate Education, 2017
• "Civic engagement" means working to make a difference in the civic life of our communities and developing the combination of knowledge, skills, values and motivation to make that difference. It means promoting the quality of life in a community, through both political and nonpolitical processes" (Ehrlich 2000, vi).
WHY DO WE NEED CIVIC LEARNING? LOOK AT US!
BUT VOTING ISN’T ALL OF “CIVIC”

As an example, may I tell you about my Community Power class?
AND NOW, MORE THAN EVER -

• https://www.google.com/search?q=civil+discourse+news&rlz=1C1GCEA_enUS838US868&tbm=isch&sxsrf=ACYBGNTPu23Zq0ArmBlk4CIsYieHAX5EVOg:1572380597071&source=lnms&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwiMnMKXpsLlAhWuc98KHSowBzcQ_AUIIDCgD&biw=1366&bih=625&dpr=1

• Chronicle article: most students view community service as a way to avoid politics, rather than as a stimulus to participate in politics.
WHAT ARE THE SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE, IDEAS WE ARE TALKING ABOUT, THEN?

https://compact.org/education-for-democracy/#1531854840810-a769bbe3-efe6
SO THEN WHAT CAN “CIVIC LEARNING” & “CIVIC ENGAGEMENT” LOOK LIKE?

(this is where we brainstorm.)
SOME IDEAS

- \resources\Civic Engagement Inventory.pdf
- \resources\The Civic Engagement Scale.pdf
- https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fA2xAAAzYa4T2YrteUIXaXycE6Q7sAx4QjQpH2Y1dvc/edit

- **But also:**
  - Developing civic skills anywhere in the curriculum
  - What would that look like, for you?
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