



**TOGETHER**

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## WHERE DO YOU STAND?

<b>Link:</b> <a href="https://www.coe.int/en/web/compass/where-do-you-stand-">https://www.coe.int/en/web/compass/where-do-you-stand-</a>
<b>Group size:</b> Any
<b>Duration:</b> 50/60 minutes
<b>Objectives:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To understand the differences between civil and political rights, and social and economic rights</li><li>• To use and develop skills of discussion and argumentation</li><li>• To foster respect and open mindedness</li></ul>
<b>Description:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Start with a very brief introduction to the differences between civil and political rights, and social and economic rights.</li><li>2. Spend 5 minutes brainstorming the different rights that would fall under each category.</li><li>3. List the rights on the flipchart under the headings, civil and political rights, and social and economic rights.</li><li>4. Explain that you are now going to read out a series of statements with which people may agree to a greater or lesser extent.</li><li>5. Point out the two extreme positions – the posters stating “I Agree” and “I Disagree”. Explain that people may occupy any point along the (imaginary) line, but that they should try to position themselves, as far as possible, next to people whose views almost coincide with their own. Brief discussion is permitted while people are finding their places!</li><li>6. Read out the statements in turn.</li><li>7. Stimulate reflection and discussion. Ask those at the end-points to explain why they have occupied these extreme positions. Ask someone near the centre whether their position indicates the lack of a strong opinion or lack of knowledge</li><li>8. Allow people to move position as they listen to each others’ comments.</li><li>9. When you have gone through the statements, bring the group back together for the debriefing.</li></ol>
<b>Debriefing - Evaluation:</b> <p>Begin with reviewing the activity itself and then go on to discuss what people learnt.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Were there any questions that people found impossible to answer – either because it was difficult to make up their own mind, or because the question was badly phrased?</li><li>• Why did people change position during the discussions?</li><li>• Were people surprised by the extent of disagreement on the issues?</li><li>• Does it matter if we disagree about human rights?</li><li>• Do you think there are “right” and “wrong” answers to the different statements, or is it just a matter of personal opinion?</li><li>• Might it ever be possible for everyone to reach agreement about human rights?</li><li>• Is there a fundamental difference between the (first) two “generations” of human rights:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Civil and political rights and social and economic rights? Is it possible to say which of these</li><li>○ Are more important?</li></ul></li><li>• Do we need any more rights? Could there be a third generation of rights?</li></ul>



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