

Four Corners Activity: Social Compact



How it works:

1. Post several statements on the board. Based on their thoughts, students will move to a corner of the room that most aligns with their opinion.
2. Those individuals that strongly agree *or* strongly disagree will need to formulate an argument.
3. Each group will need to come up with an argument and select a spokesperson.
4. Each group will state their argument in an effort to sway those individuals that are in the agree and disagree groups to join their side.
5. After the statements have been made, the agree and disagree groups will move to their chosen corner.
6. Teachers: you may choose to keep score if your students are motivated by competition.

Sample statement: College should be free for all citizens of the United States. Do you feel passionate about this statement? Are you "on the fence"?

Sample statements

- The purpose of a government is to protect a citizens' rights.
- All people should be free and equal, without social classes or social hierarchies.
- Humans are naturally selfish.
- If the people do not agree with the government then the people have the right to speak up and demand change, even if it means they're rebelling.
- There should always be a balance of power between friends.