

# Values Continuum

This is a great way to get your students thinking about hot topics that concern them. It's a great activity for one of your first delegation meetings and does not require students to know parliamentary procedure.

Group Size: 5+

Materials: none

Tell students that you are going to make a statement. They should go to one end of the room if they agree and the other if they disagree. They should fill in the middle of the room depending on their passion one way or the other.

After making the statement, you should have a straight line of students (a continuum) all the way across the room. Students should do this silently.

Identify students from differing viewpoints to speak out. There should be no debate here, but students are free to move about the room if they change their mind.

## Sample statements:

1. Washington should raise the minimum drinking to 25.
2. Marijuana should be legalized for recreational use.
3. School uniforms should be mandatory in public schools.
4. The guillotine should be implemented for the death penalty.
5. The school week should be extended to include Saturday.
6. The maximum speed limit should be reduced to 45 mph.
7. A course in women's studies should be mandatory to graduate from high school.
8. The legal age to get a tattoo should be increased to 21.
9. Stereos should be banned from all motor vehicles.
10. Driver's licenses should be revoked for one year for individuals found guilty of littering.
11. Prostitution should be legalized.

## Facilitator's Note:

Be sure to preface the activity with ground rules. This is not a debate activity. When students are asked to share their views they should do so one at a time and not make comments regarding the personal views of other students.