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big impacts
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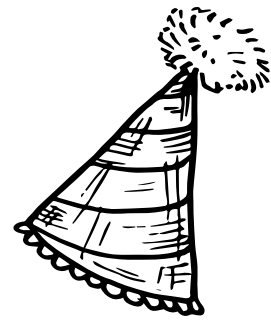
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Overview



Big idea: Actively foster a classroom community

- Go beyond physical classroom

Agenda:

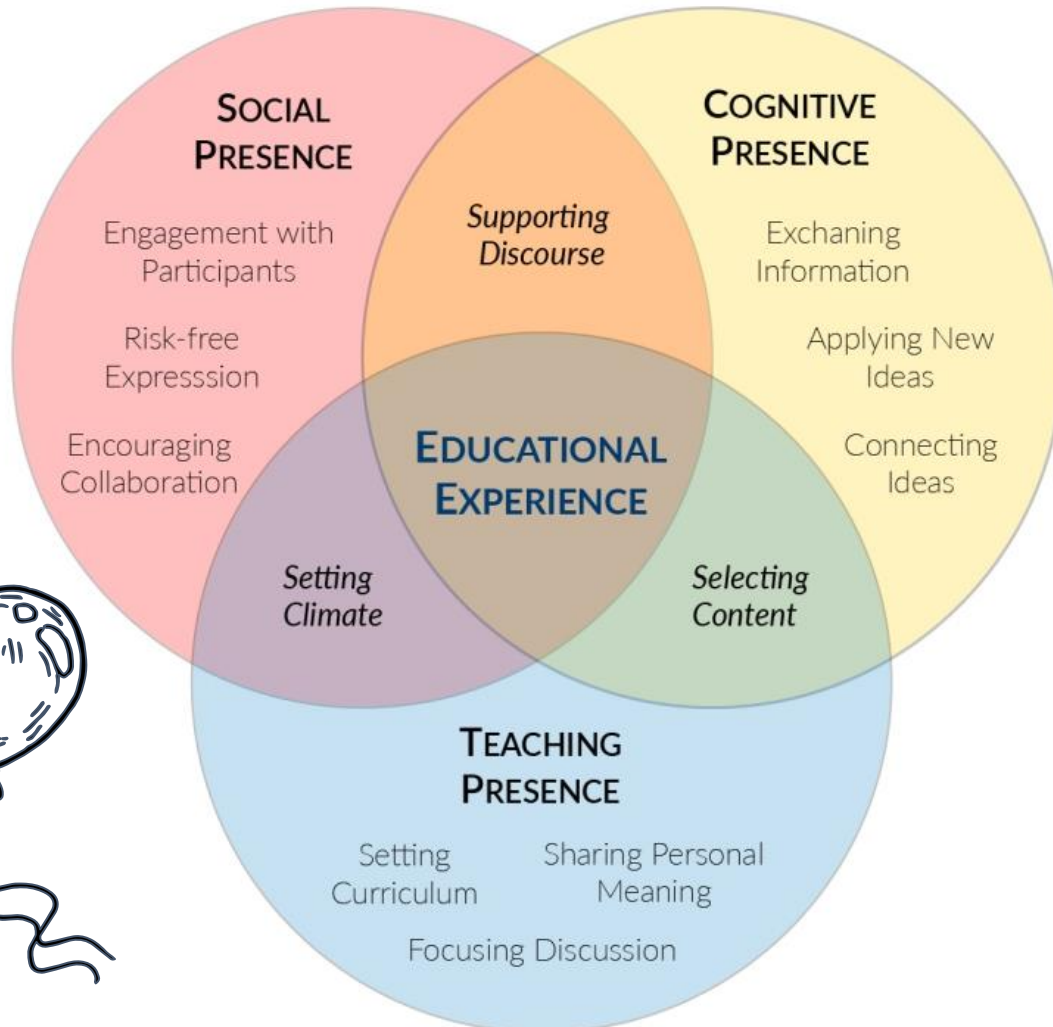
- Background theory: “Social Presence”
- Practice 1: Communication Platform
- Practice 2: Collaborative Reading
- Brainstorm: More ideas

The Community of Inquiry Model

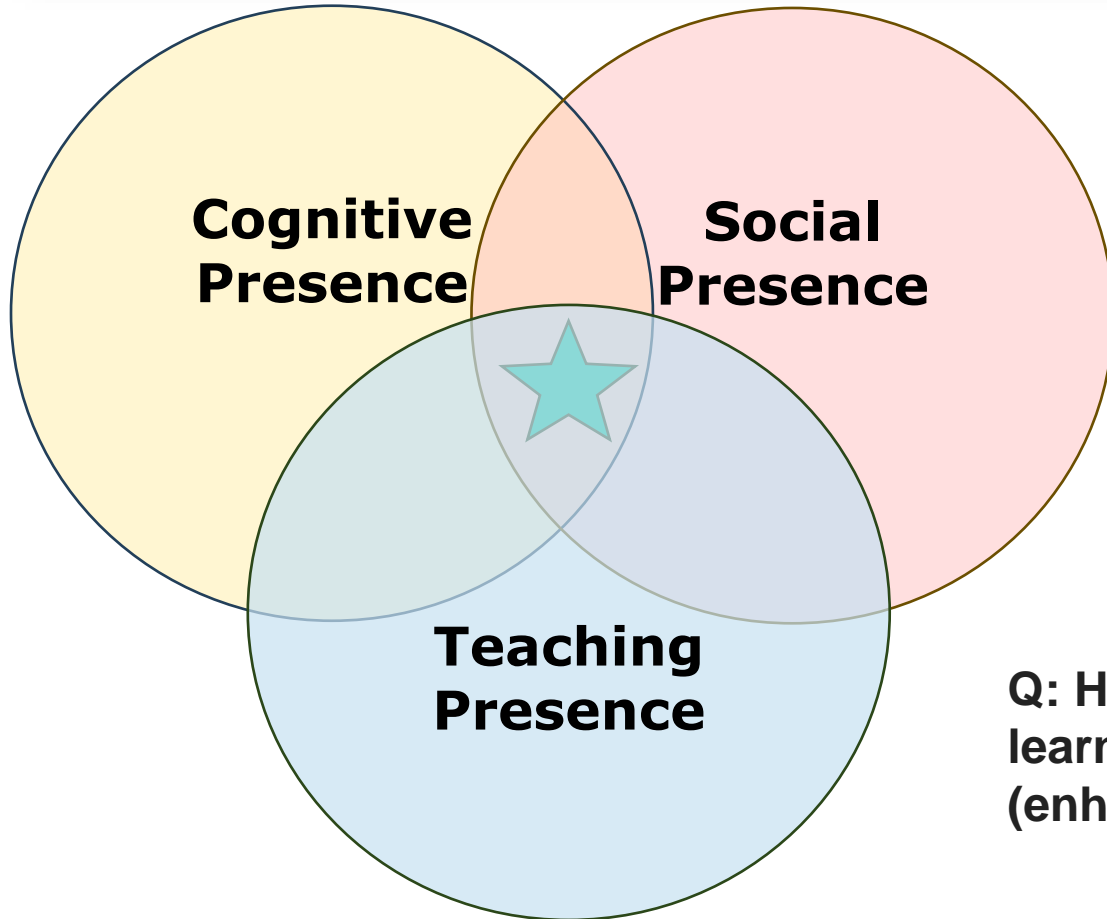
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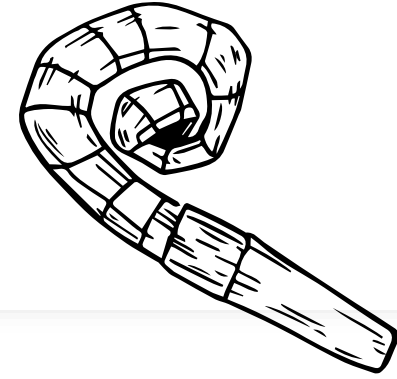
Cognitive Presence: Content, ideas, what's learned

Teaching Presence: Design, guidance, support

Social Presence: Connection with other learners

**Q: How can we build richer learning environments?
(enhanced presence)**

Communication Platform



Discussion Board: E.g. Canvas, Piazza

- Slower (open + refresh page)
- More formal and deliberate

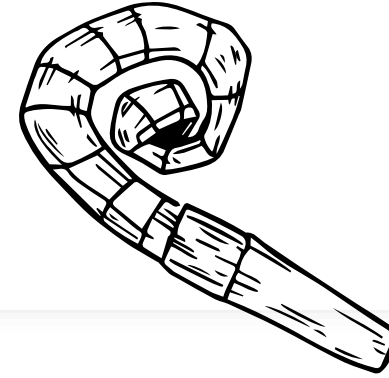


Instant Messenger: E.g. Slack, Discord

- Quicker (immediate post + notification)
- Informal and spur of the moment



Discord



How to Use Discord for Your Classroom



Librarian

3 years ago · Updated

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UPDATE: If you'd like to directly use one of our free classroom Discord templates, just [click here](#) and you'll move through the Discord account signup process and automatically get your own classroom space setup.

Welcome To Discord 101!

If you're setting up a classroom for the first time, we've pulled together a simple, step-by-step guide for to get your class up and running online!

- [Creating a Classroom Server](#)
- [Setting up Teacher and Student Permissions](#)
- [Setting up New Classroom Channels](#)
- [Sharing the Invite to all Students](#)
- [Assigning Roles to Classroom Participants](#)
- [Share your Lesson on Screen with Go-Live](#)



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Prof Verbitsky's Classes

RESOURCES

🙌 -welcome

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🔔 -announcements

CLASS THREADS

⚡ pol153-sq23

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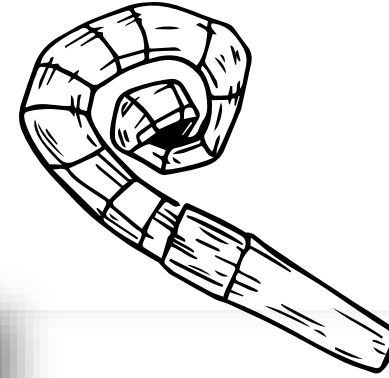
STUDY GROUPS

TA / TEACHER ONLY

ta-channel



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Course material, assignments

Paige S 04/19/2023 5:57 PM
Are case briefs really only until week 6? Meaning we have to start doing them today

Tim G 04/19/2023 5:58 PM
There are 6 case briefs left in the quarter according to the syllabus, and we need to do 3

Ashley B 04/19/2023 5:59 PM
You only have to write three so you can start next week too and do weeks 4,5,& 6

@Tim G There are 6 case briefs left

Ashley B 04/19/2023 6:00 PM
You cannot do more than 1 case

Paige S 04/19/2023 6:00 PM
okay i thought we had to do 4! T

@Ashley B You cannot do more t

Tim G 04/19/2023 6:01 PM
ohhhh Oops forgot about that

Ashley B 04/19/2023 6:01 PM
He hasn't said if he's doing that t otherwise!

Tim G 04/19/2023 6:01 PM
But point stands that there are d to start next week if you haven't

Tim G 04/19/2023 8:41 PM
For Hudson v. Michigan, I am a little confused on the 'knock and announce rule' and how it violates the 4th amendment/exclusionary rule by not adhering to it. To me, it appears more as a courtesy and as someone explained, a way to pre-emptively stop violence from and to police officers. But I'm not really sure how the difference in 3-5 seconds really violated someone's security? Only in this case though, where the officers had a recognized warrant 'to kick to the door down and search', it appears to me that the knock and announce rule does little in the way of protecting someone's personal security, unless I am understanding it wrong (edited)

It is good to have police officers following strict protocol and the officers in question should be reprimanded for not adhering to this protocol, but it doesn't seem like anything they did in the initial search and seizure was strictly unconstitutional

TobiasRussell 04/19/2023 9:22 PM
I am unclear on this too. I'm sure there is some comparatively minor case that established this rule and explains why it is that the knock-and-announce rule violates the 4th, but I doubt we cover that in 153. If I remember correctly, I think Scalia mentioned a few concerns stemming from violation of the rule, including that an unannounced break-in — albeit technically legal — could startle the resident and cause them to act in self-defense, causing a violent altercation w/ police (if I remember correctly, I think this is what happened in the Breonna Taylor case?). This doesn't answer your question, but it does support your "courtesy" suspicion. If I were to guess, I could imagine that the Court ruled that knocking-and-announcing is somehow intrinsically a part of a "reasonable search," i.e. failing to knock and announce constitutes an unconstitutional unreasonable search, but I don't know. Curious to know what the answer is.

Prof Verbitsky 05/12/2023 12:01 PM



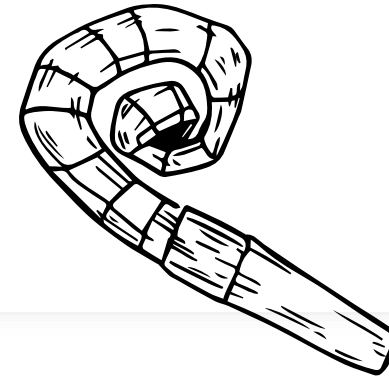
[crickets chirping]

Office hours today

Trevor M 05/12/2023 12:04 PM





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Related stories in the news

Max_M! 06/08/2023 2:55 PM
Hey Everyone! This was an entertaining 4A case out of Connecticut. Thought the facts are pretty funny, the questions raised are fun to think about.
<https://reason.com/volokh/2023/06/05/an-un-bearable-fourth-amendment-property-rights-case/>

Reason.com
An Un-Bearable Fourth Amendment/Property Rights Case
A Connecticut case raises the issue of whether a government agency violated the Fourth Amendment by attaching a camera to a bear known to frequent the plaintiffs' property. While the facts may seem silly, the case does raise some serious issues.



Tim G 05/22/2023 3:32 PM
Can a company based in another country sue our country for violation of first amendment rights? (Tiktok filing a lawsuit against montana for violating first amendment rights)
I am genuinely curious how that's going to go down, they wouldn't have done it if they couldn't, but I'm curious if there's any precedent

@Tim G Can a company based in another country sue our country for violation of first amendmei

Hunter K 05/22/2023 3:35 PM
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/technology/2023/05/22/tik-tok-ban-montana-lawsuit/>

Tim G 05/22/2023 3:41 PM
From what I've read so far, it looks like tiktok is suing montana for violating others' first amendment rights? but looking for a settlement for them? I'm confused

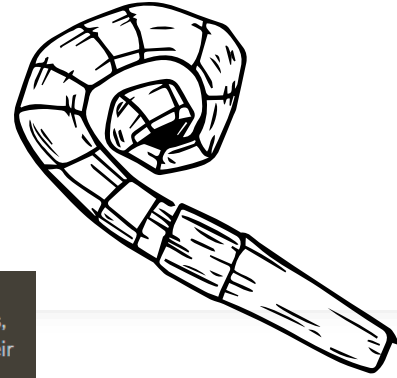
Prof Verbitsky 05/22/2023 3:45 PM
If any of you goes on to become a journalist, please link to the @\$^@ing lawsuit if you're writing about a lawsuit. Cheers to NPR.
<https://www.npr.org/2023/05/22/1177541355/tiktok-sues-lawsuit-montana-law-ban>
<https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/23820566-tiktok-v-montana>

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Discuss current events

-conlaw-news Channel for highlighting and discussing course related ne...

Asha Rangappa (@AshaRangappa_)
 THREAD. Admissions officer here 🤖 IMO Harvard/UNC opinion is much narrower than I expected it to be and impact will be much less than I see a lot of people suggesting -- and possibly give institutions MORE ability to curate classes based on diversity interests 1/

Likes: 5076 Retweets: 1401
 Twitter • 06/29/2023 8:19 AM

Frances 06/29/2023 1:50 PM
 is this saying that this is actually a loophole that universities can use to advocate for diversity in this limited way? because I read it as the opposite

@Frances is this saying that this is actually a loophole that universities can use to advocate for d

Ndem E 06/29/2023 1:57 PM
 That's what I got from it. She says in the thread that this allows schools to justify why they admitted a student for their race.

@Ndem E That's what I got from it. She says in the thread that this allows schools to justify why 1

Frances 06/29/2023 2:00 PM
 ahhhh that's interesting. personally, I'm surprised that Roberts even allowed that limited loophole considering how voracious an opponent he's historically been to affirmative action

@Frances ahhhh that's interesting. personally, I'm surprised that Roberts even allowed that limit

Ndem E 06/29/2023 2:05 PM
 Me too. It seems like with the loophole AA isn't fully dead in the water. I feel like there could be lawsuits regarding this loophole in the future. But again, I haven't even read the full opinion so I can't say too much lol

!! 1

Sunny Z 06/30/2023 7:25 PM
 At what point does an artist's business become a public accommodation? Muralists, speechwriters, and especially film directors are not out here openly advertising their services to the public, whereas Smith made it clear she was. It's pretty common for commissioned artists to reserve the right to deny service for any reason. This seems like a silly comparison.

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@Sunny Z At what point does an artist's business become a public accommodation? Muralists, s

Hunter K 06/30/2023 7:26 PM
 That was a point that one of the hosts of Strict Scrutiny made. The comparison to a movie director made by Gorsuch (and 303's brief I believe) is not apt since movie directors are not public accommodations.

July 1, 2023

@Prof Verbitsky Finally, she warns that this ruling is going to open the doors to all sorts of o

Jhojan G 07/01/2023 8:29 AM
 Hypothetically speaking, because the ruling allows for businesses to refuse service based on their beliefs, could an atheist person refuse service to religions groups based on their beliefs? So what I'm asking is, could this ruling potentially be used against religious groups themselves?

@Jhojan G Hypothetically speaking, because the ruling allows for businesses to refuse service b

Prof Verbitsky 07/01/2023 8:31 AM
 I don't think it's as broad as being able to refuse service to anyone for any service. The logic of the ruling is that an atheist could refuse to make religious messages. The real question is what counts as an expressive product.

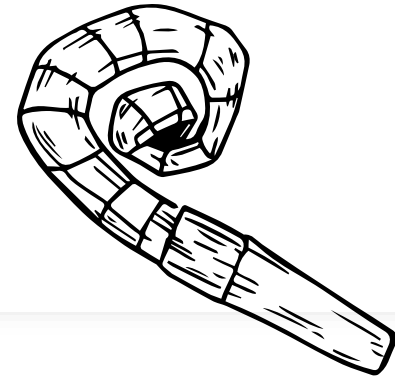
Jhojan G 07/01/2023 8:34 AM
 Right, and I feel maybe the court could have addressed that by setting up guidelines as what counts as an expressive product because expressive product is such a broad term that maybe it can be stretched to include a multitude of things

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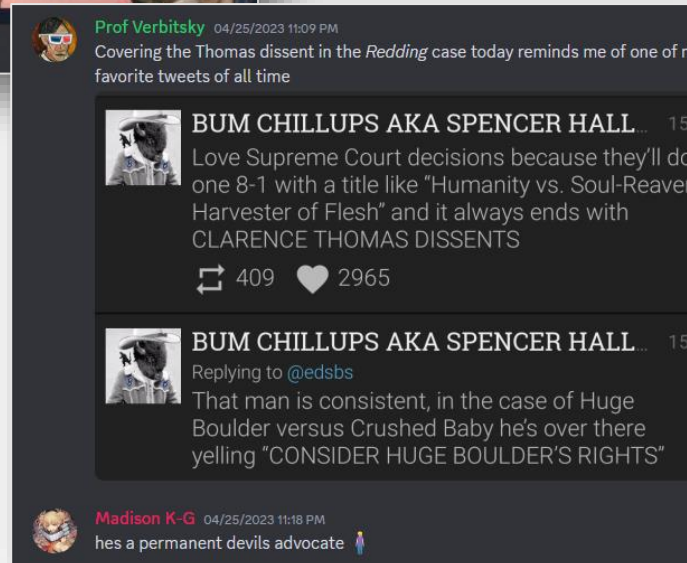
Trevor M 07/01/2023 5:04 PM
 Overall, after reading the Gorsuch Majority it feels clunky and underdeveloped. 🙄
 This opinion just ain't it



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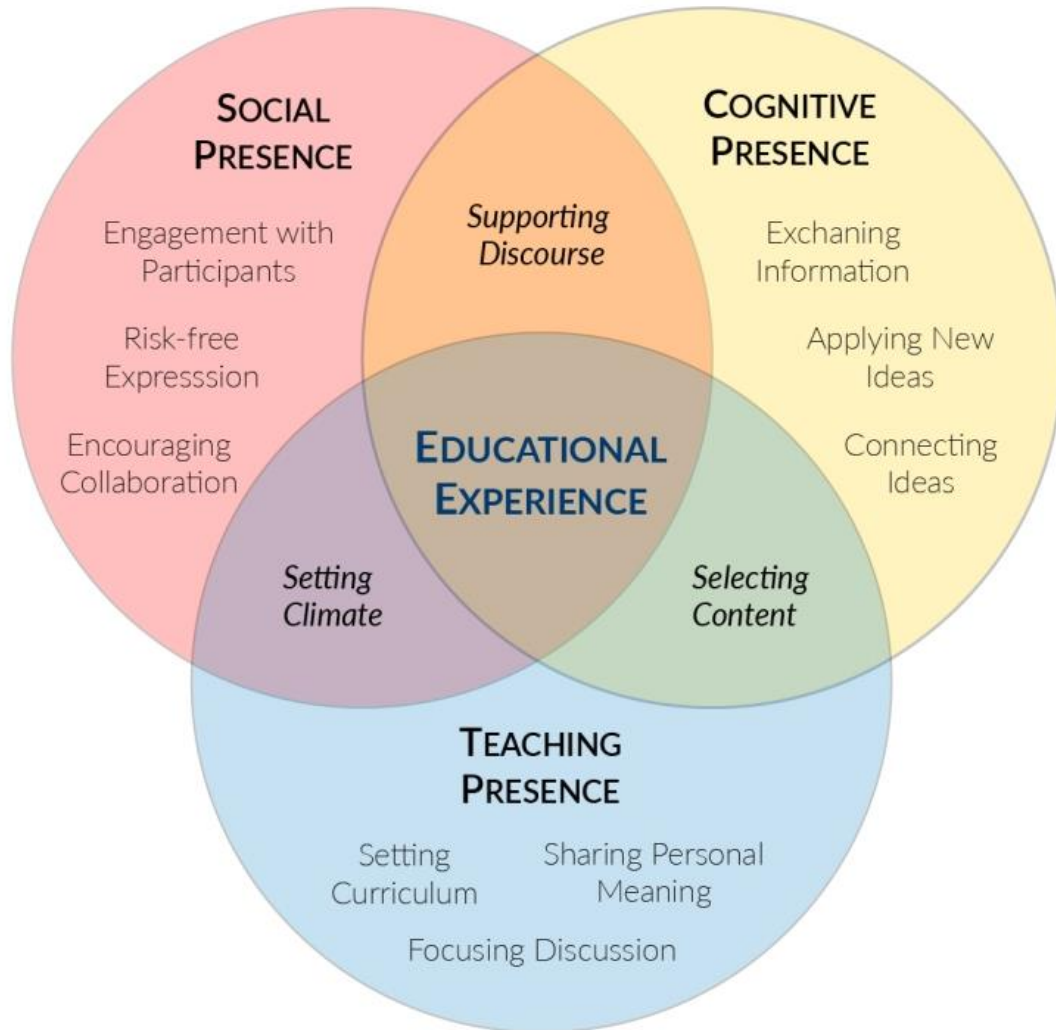


Applied frivolity



Madison K-G 04/25/2023 11:18 PM
hes a permanent devils advocate

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Class channel = extension of the course, course community



Collaborative Reading



Perusall



Perusall: Tool for collaborative reading, annotation, discussion

The screenshot shows the Perusall course setup interface. At the top, it says "Perusall® > POL 153 001 SQ 2023 > Get started" with a green badge that says "Created from Canvas (LTI 1.1)". Below this is a navigation bar with "Get started", "Library", "Assignments", and "Students". The "Library" tab is highlighted with a red box and a red arrow. The main content area is titled "Welcome to Perusall!" and contains a numbered list of steps: 1. Welcome, 2. Basic settings, 3. Select content, and 4. Ready to go!. There is also a section for "Tips for course setup" with three items: "Consider your purpose and goals for using Perusall", "Determine how you want to use (or not use) analytics and scoring", and "Gather course materials and create assignments".



Collaborative Reading



abortion although she claimed that she had had a miscarriage.³² Prosecutors charged Patel under Indiana’s laws criminalizing feticide as well as child neglect for attempting to have a medication abortion. Key evidence included text messages in which Patel told a friend about ordering abortion medication from a Hong Kong pharmacy, her browsing history—including a website about abortion—and her emails from an online pharmacy where abortion medications could be ordered without a prescription.³³

The digital net becomes wider still when we consider criminal law’s traditional doctrines. If abortion is a crime, then attempts, aid, and agreements to aid all become part of the prosecutor’s toolbox. The crimes of attempt and conspiracy can be completed even if the contemplated act never takes place. If the criminal law can punish the half hearted thief or a bank robbery lookout with a negligible role, then it can also punish the pregnant woman who buys abortion medication but does not takes it, or the person who texts that they will drive a pregnant woman to an underground abortion provider.

The initial advice after Dobbs to women in states where abortion will be banned or practically unavailable has taken the form of digital self-defense. Privacy advocates have urged that anyone who might ever seek an abortion to delete period tracking apps, erase browsing and location history, forgo health tracking devices, “properly” erase files, and use encrypted channels for communication.³⁴ Other varieties of advice include using a “burner” phone (one not connected to an ordinary cellphone account), turning to virtual private networks, or even leaving phones and other digital devices at home.³⁵ Others might advise abortion seekers to engage in anti-surveillance techniques, such as obscuring facial features to thwart facial recognition programs³⁶ or, like pro-

Current conversation

People will still find ways to get around digital surveillance in order to have an abortion. This highlights one of the larger problems of banning abortion, even if it is completely banned and there are more aggressive forms of surveillance, people will get them +2 ✓

In some ways, this seems to be luxury privacy. Poorer people who already struggle to find access to safe and legal abortions will have an even harder time affording all these digital self-defense tools. +2 ✓

I completely agree. It’s not like women weren’t getting abortions before Roe--they were, it just happened that the procedures they were going through were backwards and incredibly risky and dangerous, but they had little other choice. All this is doing is making the process of getting an abortion far, far more dangerous than it ever has any business being. +1 ✓

Even using a burner phone could be dangerous for a woman seeking an abortion (ex: cameras on businesses can place the woman at a store buying a burner phone) ✓

@Louis I agree and I think when you ban access to safe abortion, it only opens the door to more dangerous means to have the procedure. ✓

Perusall





Collaborative Reading



Perusall

Automated grading



Automatic scoring criteria

Your scoring weights add up to more than 100%, so students have multiple ways to earn full credit.

Reset scoring settings to a preset:

- Holistic
- Comment content only
- Focus on reading/watching
- Focus on...

Or adjust scoring manually (click on any metric to view customizat

Comment content The content of the comments students post, automatically scored by Perusall's quality algorithm. 60 % Options	Opening assignment Breaking up work on the assignment into multiple sittings. 20 % Options	Reading to the end Reading the entire document. 20 % Options	
Active engagement time Time spent actively engaging with the assignment. 10 % Options	Getting responses Writing comments that elicit responses from other students. 20 % Options	Upvoting Writing comments that are upvoted by other students, and upvoting other students' comments. 20 % Options	Quizzes Responding to quiz questions that are part of an assignment. 0 % Options



Student Evaluations I



"It was really helpful to be able to reply to their comments and have a discussion with them. I feel like I learn more from understanding how others think or hearing from their perspectives. I did not need to wait until we got to class to understand how my peers think, I was **able to learn from them through this program and this further challenged my thinking before we even got to class.**"

"I was surprised at how much value the Perusall readings provided for me, beyond just ensuring I completed the readings on time I think **the ability to converse with my classmates about the material was helpful especially because I have a difficult time speaking during in-person classes.**"

"At first, I was a little intimidated by perusall because literally the whole class can see your thoughts and honestly that is a little scary. But after seeing what my peers wrote and how they responded to each other, I quickly got more comfortable with the platform. ... I liked having Citron perusall assignments specifically because that is when **everyone feels free to go off. ... I also think it's dope you read what we have to say on the perusall assignments and implement it in the following class.** It makes it **feel like we aren't just doing the assignments for the grade but like we are actually getting something from them.**"

Perusall





Student Evaluations II



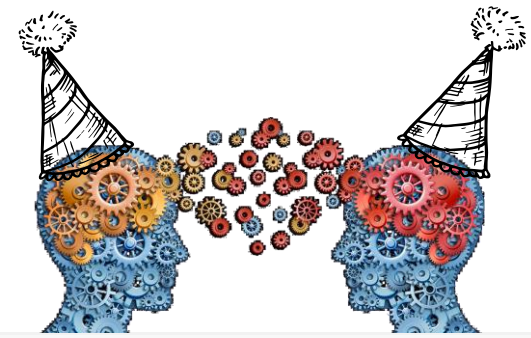
"I liked the Perusall exercises because it allowed me to **see what other students were thinking about the reading, and to glean some insights I wouldn't have otherwise.** I also liked how you could **interact with other people's posts and have others respond to yours, which created a very casual and easygoing conversation without using the discussion boards."**

Perusall



"I loved Perusall. Not only did it **motivate me to do the reading, but it makes the reading easier to understand because I can see other people's comments and not feel so isolated about if I am understanding it correctly.** I liked having **a designated space to share my thoughts on something we read** because sometimes when I read things for other classes I wish I could make comments like that."

Brainstorm



Questions?



Other ideas?

- How to enhance social presence?
- Inside + outside the classroom?



THANKS!

Aesthetic credits

(Modified) templates: **Slidesgo + Office 365**

Images: **Freepik**



Teaching Community



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Teaching Squared: A reading circle

Teaching Squared is a reading group for faculty who are interested in meeting with colleagues to discuss teaching.

Meetings are held three Wednesdays per quarter from 12:10-1:00 pm.

For more information, visit cee.ucdavis.edu/Tsquared.

