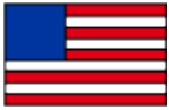




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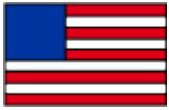
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This slide set deals with how we view and deal with issues where there are big differences among us – as individuals and NUs.



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Does a Difference Matter?

1. On many issues, it doesn't matter. The issue (such as which color is nicer, or what makes for the best breakfast) is max-nix. It is not a matter of governance. NUs should not deal with it.
2. If it's a matter of governance (should abortions be outlawed nation-wide, or should another nation's economy be sabotaged because they are getting more powerful economically than us) –then it is a very serious matter upon which policy must be set.



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If a Difference Matters, How Do We Deal with It?

1. If it's a 'local' issue, we may be able to **deal with it locally**. For example: NUs in Chicago may feel much differently about how unemployment should be mitigated than people in a small town in Iowa.
2. Once an issue is framed within the smallest pertinent region – we need to get down to work – we need to **carefully study the issue** and possible solutions.



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If a Difference Matters, How Do We Deal with It?

3. Careful study, **examination**, detective work will not only clarify the issue and bring our perceptions of it closer to reality – but may help resolve our differences about the issue.
4. Close examination will highlight the various aspects of the issue, and can thus **move discussion of differences** from banal generalities to more **rational pondering** and exploration of particular aspects.



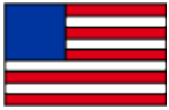
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EXAMPLE

LAWS REGARDING

ABORTION

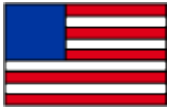


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A Current Divisive Issue – Abortion Basic Anti-Abortion Viewpoint

1. An embryo/fetus is/will be a living human being.
Terminating it is murder!
2. Since it is murder, it should be prohibited and
punished under the law, as would any other form of
murder.



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A Current Divisive Issue – Abortion Basic Pro-Abortion Viewpoint

1. What a woman does with her body is her business and her right to do.
2. If she has been raped, or has good reason to think the fetus will be malformed, or pregnancy will damage her – she should be able to abort.
3. No laws or law enforcement action or prohibition relating to abortion should be made or enforced.

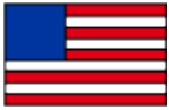


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A Current Divisive Issue – Abortion Repudiation of Anti-Abortion Viewpoint

1. Prohibition of abortion will often cause a loss of life: the life of the mother; or the mother choosing not to become pregnant if she would not be able to terminate the pregnancy of a highly deformed fetus.

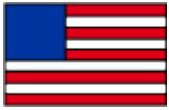


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**A Current Divisive Issue – Abortion
Repudiation of Pro-Abortion Viewpoint**

1. If a woman has the right to kill a growing human being inside of her, doesn't she also have the right to 'terminate' a child she has born and now wishes to eliminate – for whatever reason she wishes?



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**WHAT DO YOU THINK? HOW
WOULD YOU PONDER THE
TWO VIEWPOINTS?**



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END of PRESENTATION