

THE DIVIDING LINE

Instructions: Have all group members stand in a straight line. Ensure plenty of space for participants to move forward. Read all or some of the statements below (depending on time), or add some of your own! If participants agree with the statements read, they will take one step forward. Have participants review the room after each question, then step back into place. At the end of the activity, have participants debrief in a large group:

Potential Debrief Prompts:

What were some of your observations during this activity?

What kind of diversity did you see reflected in the group? What were the similarities?

Did people's responses to some of these questions surprise you?

How did you feel while participating in this activity?

Dividing Line Questions

1. Facebook is one of the best inventions of the 21st Century.
2. I believe that historically black colleges are obsolete.
3. I believe that President Obama has done an exceptional job with attaining his campaign promises.
4. Given its popularity, marijuana should be legalized all across the United States.
5. I believe that abortion is inhumane.
6. In this day and age, it is a necessity to have some post-secondary (college) education.
7. Casey Anthony is innocent of murdering her daughter.
8. The Media tends to over sensationalize the severity of the US current financial state.
9. Same sex marriage is sacrilegious.
10. Educators are underpaid.
11. The death penalty is inhumane regardless of the circumstances that preceded it.
12. The tragedies of Sept 11th are the worst we will experience on American soil in our lifetime.
13. America has a responsibility to defend weaker allies around the world.
14. The ACT and SAT are the best measures of a student academic performance when leaving their high school.
15. The drinking age should be lowered to 18.
16. College athletes should receive a portion of the revenue they help to create for their universities.

17. Being homosexual/gay is a choice and not something that you are born as.
18. Social Networking has made our society friendlier.
19. Prostitution (woman or men selling sex) should be legal in all states.
20. Every American should be able to carry a conceal weapon without restrictions.
21. Under God should be removed from the Pledge of Allegiance when recited in public schools.
22. The increase in violence in our country is in part due to the violence on video games and TV.
23. We should ban the use of cell phones altogether when driving a motor vehicle.
24. Ivy League schools provide a better education than most others.
25. McDonalds is better than Wendys.