

WHAT'S MY ISSUE?

Directions: An issue is “a matter that is in dispute between two or more parties” or “a vital or unsettled matter” (Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary). Underlying most public issues is a conflict between two or more core democratic values. For this activity, you will listen to a description of a current event, identify the central issue, and explain the core democratic values that are in conflict.

Current Event	Central Issue in Question Form	Core Democratic Values in Conflict
Example: Man Shoots Robber in Own Home	Should the government restrict citizens' ability to own guns?	Freedom (to bear arms) v. common good.