

Related Can-Do Statement

I can discuss news clips related to current events.

Pre-Activity Self-Reflection

How well do you think that you can engage in the Can-Do Statement above?

This is a goal	Can do with help	Can do	Can do well
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Instructions

Many news outlets deliver information with a clear political bend that is intended to persuade the audience to interpret a current event in one particular way. In order to explore persuasive language and the current hot-button topic of gender identity of students in schools, you will review two videos. The first video is sensitive to the story of an individual who was born biologically as a boy but is living as a girl. The second video discusses research related to gender issues and uses that research to advocate against sex change operations. Your goal the first few times as you watch the videos is to list the details that both spots include to either support individuals with gender dysmorphia (the condition in which your gender identity does not match your biological makeup) or to advocate against the appropriation of a new gender. Once you are done with this part of the task, you will reflect on how the order of the details included impacts persuasion. Submit your lists of details and reflection at the end of this stage of the assignment. Check your lists of details against the ones provided for you once you submit the assignment. This will help you on the next step of the assignment.

Video #1: “Becoming Lucy: Portland family embraces child’s gender identity”

<http://www.pressherald.com/2016/02/07/becoming-lucy-portland-family-embraces-reality-of-childs-gender-identity/>

Video #2: “Oregon allowing 15-year-olds to get state-subsidized sex change operations”

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2015/07/09/oregon-allowing-15-year-olds-to-get-state-subsidized-sex-change-operations.html>

Follow-Up Reflection Questions

Which video contained the details that you found to be the most persuasive? Why is that? Imagine that you had watched the videos in reverse order. Would that have impacted your perception of either video? Have your opinions regarding gender identity been changed or reinforced by these videos at all? Why do you think that is?

