

Task 1:

III: C Geographical divides in political fragmentation

In the United States, people often have different opinions about politics. One way researchers study these opinions is by looking at how people of different ages vote. Younger people and older people sometimes think about issues in different ways because they have had different life experiences.

You read that younger voters tend to support Democrats more often, while older voters tend to support Republicans more often. This age divide has become stronger in recent decades.

Is it good or bad for a country when political views are strongly divided by age groups? Create possible benefits (pros) and possible drawbacks (cons) of having different age groups support different political parties.

Task 2:

III: D The normalization of fringe elements in public life

Distrust in the medical field has been growing; this “anti-science movement” has been highlighted politically in recent years since the COVID-19 pandemic. Vaccination rates among children are declining as people reject decades of science backing the safety and effectiveness of childhood vaccines.

As members of a community public health board, your objective is to create a prioritized list of three potential solutions to combat the misinformation that has made headlines politically. They should be fact-driven, non-partisan, and provide information that would help people make an informed decision about their family’s healthcare.

Task 3:

IV: D Resource disparities and their role in creating fragmentation

Around the world, countries and communities do not all have access to the same natural resources. Natural resources include things like fresh water, oil, minerals, fertile land, forests, and food supplies. Some places have many of these resources, while other places have very few. When resources are unevenly distributed, it can create challenges between countries and groups of people. This situation is sometimes called global fragmentation of resources.

Design a plan for how countries around the world could work together to share resources or help areas that do not have enough.