



FACING HISTORY AND OURSELVES

A BRIEF GUIDE TO OUR WORK



EFFECTIVE TEACHERS, ENGAGED STUDENTS

Facing History and Ourselves is a leader in history and civic education. Our published and online resources, professional development and support for educators, and community events provide opportunities for people of all ages to understand how human behavior and individual choice play a critical role in shaping society.

For more than 30 years, Facing History has been helping teachers and students make the connection between history and their own lives. We offer content and teaching strategies that promote student engagement, critical thinking, and deeper understanding of the lessons of history. Through a rigorous investigation of the events that led to the Holocaust and other key moments in history, students learn to combat prejudice with compassion, indifference with participation, and misinformation with knowledge.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL REACH

Facing History and Ourselves has grown from an innovative course taught in a single classroom to an international organization with nine offices in North America, an international hub in London, and partnerships that span the globe. These offices, partnerships, and projects support a network of more than 50,000. Educators who have participated in in-depth training reach an estimated 1.9 million young people each year. Through public events and academic conferences in partnership with major universities, we reach audiences far beyond the classroom. Our website attracts more than 700,000 visits from 215 countries annually.

YOUR SUPPORT IS ESSENTIAL

Challenging times create economic and social pressures that can undermine our most basic values. By teaching students to think critically, recognize moral choices, and make their voices heard, we give them essential twenty-first century skills and put in their hands the possibility—and the responsibility—to do the serious work demanded of us all as citizens.

Through the generosity of individuals, corporations, and foundations, we can offer our program to teachers and schools across the globe at little or no cost. No work could be more important or more deserving of your support.

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Inspires students to take responsibility for their world. By helping students understand how human behavior plays a critical role in shaping history and society, students realize that their choices do matter, and that they can create positive change.

Supports educators with professional development seminars, individual follow-up, workshops, and access to Facing History's print and online resources. Educators can borrow materials from our extensive resource library and arrange to bring students together with survivors and witnesses of genocide, rescuers, artists, and scholars.

Transforms schools and school districts with content and strategies that promote a respectful, rigorous, and engaging educational environment.

Engages communities through events such as Choosing to Participate, a civic initiative and traveling exhibition, and Community Conversations, a speaker series with authors, filmmakers, and policymakers on such topics as civic participation, individual and collective responsibility, and diversity.

Delivers scholarship through historical and contemporary case studies that consider the profound and widely applicable issues of stereotyping, scapegoating, and peer pressure, as well as courage and compassion. Our core resource book, *Facing History and Ourselves: Holocaust and Human Behavior*, explores the consequences of hatred. Our website's Facing Today feature helps educators connect the study of history to today using websites, articles, films, and blogs that reflect universal themes and links to related Facing History materials. For a complete list of our publications, visit facinghistory.org/resources/publications.

Connects worldwide through facinghistory.org, where our case studies, curriculum outlines, study guides, online discussion forums, and other resources are available to educators any time, anywhere.

Measures impact through research. More than 30 years of research has documented our positive impact on teachers and students. Teachers report that Facing History professional development and support services reinvigorate them, increase their commitment to teach, and reaffirm their aspirations and sense of efficacy. Studies of the impact of Facing History on students document greater engagement in learning; increased historical understanding; and an increased ability to recognize racism and antisemitism.