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Your Views



Television has a negative influence on society.

We should ban the keeping of animals in zoos.

Mothers should stay at home to raise their children.

Mobile phone use in cars should be banned.

Schools have the right to search students' lockers.

Parents should be held morally and legally responsible for the actions/needs of their children.

Physical force is a justifiable method of punishing children.

Governments should negotiate with terrorists.

Governments should censor material on the world wide web.

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Procedure

Make one copy of the worksheet for each group.

Divide the class into groups of five students.

Explain that you are going to give each group ten controversial statements.

Each group must read the statements and choose two of them to discuss.

They have ten minutes to discuss each statement, after which time the members of the group will vote on whether they agree or disagree with the statement.

Each group must note down the reasons for their decisions.

Ask each group to choose a spokesperson. The spokesperson presents their group's results to the class.

Conduct a brief feedback session highlighting each group's critical thinking skills and then lead the class into a discussion.