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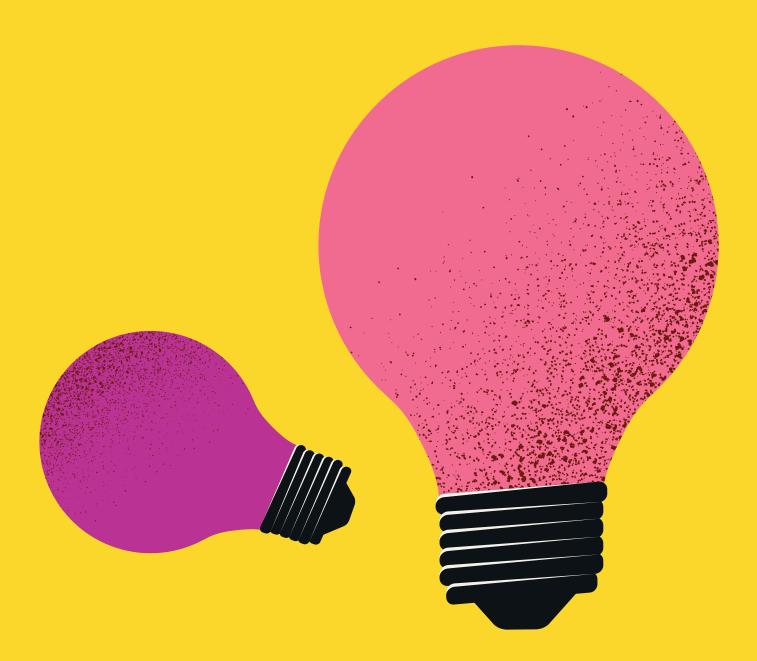
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"Being part of Topical Talk family means discussing topics with hundreds of students from countries around the world discussing. We represent ourselves and our countries. Here, we are allowed to express our thoughts freely. We tell each other about our communities. I now know a lot of things about other countries I didn't know before. I sometimes had an opinion but, after reading other Topical Talkers' comments or standpoints, I changed my mind or at least came with a new point of view."



teacher

Teacher, Laleham Gap, UK

"The structure and accessibility of the resources have allowed students to venture forward in their thinking and it's been noticeable even after a few weeks. They are tackling things they would have been frightened to tackle – the concepts and the understanding they have now has been beyond anything I have seen them be able to get to with other resources."



OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2022

Topical Talk Festival

Between October 31st and December 16th 2022, children took part in a seven-week Topical Talk Festival. This is the biggest global current affairs festival for children.

How does it work?



Teachers lead a classroom discussion about a different topic in the news each week.



After these classroom lessons, children join global conversations about different issues in the news with peers around the world.



They ask questions to topic experts, take part in live lessons and are supported in their discussions by volunteers from several corporate organisations.



At the end of the seven weeks, children create a Standpoint; they pick the topic they feel the most passionate about and create a piece of work sharing their opinion in written, audio or video format. 106 classes took part across 14 countries.



Students, aged 9 and over, contributed 10,000 comments to discussions and over 500 Standpoints were submitted.



comments

Standpoints

This Topical Talk Festival Highlights magazine gives readers a taste of some of the fantastic discussions, ideas and work from across the seven week Festival.

World Cup: the legacy of big events

Every big event has a legacy – and the World Cup is no different. But what does this legacy look like? And are big global events like the World Cup good for a city? In this lesson, students took part in an interactive decision-game to discuss the pros and cons of big events, then form their own opinions.





Students in classrooms across the world joined a live-lesson. <u>Watch</u> it here or scan the QR code.

Discussions

Students discussed whether Qatar should have been allowed to host the World Cup

cultured_watermelon

Ormiston Bushfield Academy

The World Cup shouldn't be hosted in Qatar; whilst there isn't an 'ideal' country to host the world cup, Qatar is far from being suitable. One reason is their human rights violations, like it being illegal to be a member of the LGBTQ+ community. A common defence of this I've heard is that it is an issue of western culture vs the rest of the world. The problem with this defence is that there may be a difference in culture but that is irrelevant regarding human rights; Culture cannot be used as an excuse to violate human rights. Furthermore, Qatar has an equality index of 13/100 which is one of the lowest in the world. Qatar is also rife with worker rights violations; 6,500~ workers died building the world cup stadium. I believe that the most effective way to show your disagreement with the world cup being in Qatar is boycotting; This could be through raising awareness of the human rights violations on social media or not watching the world cup at all.

thankful_river

Futures Hurghada Language School | Egypt

I don't agree with people who say that Qatar is not the suitable place to host the world cup. Qatar is an Islamic country and strict Islamic law doesn't accept LGBTQ so that is why they don't allow it. The whole world should learn to accept and respect the differences between our beliefs, cultures and traditions. You can't go to any European country and ask it to change its rules because it doesn't suit you or your beliefs... So if FIFA gave Qatar this chance to host the football World Cup then we all should accept to visit this beautiful country and respect its culture and beliefs.

brilliant orca

Sydenham School B | United Kingdom

I think that Qatar hosting the World Cup isn't necessarily a bad thing, as long as they can respect the beliefs of other countries who do support the LGBTQ community. If you're not willing to be flexible with your beliefs, why host a major sporting event where you're going to run into different opinions? I think that it's important to let the players and fans be proud of their beliefs, opinions and sexual orientation, no matter where they are.

enigmatic_cheetah

Beit Hanoun Prep Girls A School | Palestine

In my opinion, athletes should not be allowed to make political statements, because sport is about competing, winning, and entertaining the public. If athletes mix sports with politics, it will cause disputes and problems among fans, and it may develop and create crises that cannot be controlled, so I prefer that sports remain in its purpose.

Alice @Clifford Chance

Do you think countries should have boycotted the Qatar World Cup? Can you think of any implications?

jubilant_seagull

Mayflower Centre | Romania

Yes I do think that they should have boycotted the Qatar World Cup because countries should speak out. Think of the women in Iran, if they didn't speak out and protest then nobody would be talking about the awful things which are happening there right now. By not showing up it can make a big statement to the rest of the world and maybe they will also join you if they are scared to stand up and show their opinions too. Think what would happen if all the teams decided not to take part, then FIFA would have no choice but to change the location, they would not want to cancel such a popular event, on purpose.

Alice @Clifford Chance

Hi Best_Groundhog - it would be good if there are positive effects for human rights in Qatar as a result of hosting the World Cup. Could you say why or how you think the human rights position in Qatar could change?

best_groundhog

Shouka Prep Girls School | Palestine

Indeed, we have noticed that Qatar has started reforms since it came out to host the World Cup. It should be the beginning of them pushing towards building long-term positive progress with regard to human rights.



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STANDPOINT SPOTLIGHT

World Cup in Atlanta, Georgia 2026



blithesome snake

Rex Mill STEM Middle School

One of the cities that will host the World Cup 2026 is Atlanta, Georgia.

Since the world cup will be in Atlanta, there is going to be a bunch of tourists, thousands probably even millions of people coming to the city. That means we've got 4 years to fix all crime, air pollution, and traffic. And the city of Atlanta will use a lot of money to fix these problems.

So there are benefits of the world cup being placed here in Atlanta. Atlanta has the opportunity to make electric transport so there wouldn't be to much air pollution. People just can't come and live in hotels rent free, they'll have to pay money to stay. They can't come and wait for the finals without eating, they have to go to restaurants and pay money to eat. So in that way Atlanta would have a lot of money, which they could use to fix some problems in Atlanta.

The cost of hosting the world cup in Atlanta include more air pollution. Since a lot of tourists will come to the city or state they'll need to travel. Trains, fuel vehicles, and buses causes a lot of pollution. And since Atlanta is known for traffic there's going to be more traffic and a lot of air pollution.

So now you know that there are costs and benefits to hosting a world cup. A benefit is that Atlanta would make money. A cost is air pollution which causes illness.





Sustainable healthcare: doctor shortages

Doctor shortages are a global problem – but there isn't one reason for it. In this lesson, students looked at case studies from around the world to diagnose what's going wrong. They had a discussion about how to make healthcare a more sustainable career-pathway in their own country.

Discussions

Students shared some of the reasons behind doctor shortages in their communities

amazing_computer

Rhemaville Christian Academy | Nigeria

In my country, Nigeria, the reason why fewer people are studying medicine is because of factors like the cost of study, and length of the study period. I know this because I wanted to be a doctor at some point in my life and I have researched. In Nigeria, the cost of studying medicine is very high. Many people prefer to go to public universities because the cost of study is less than that of private universities. I have a friend that is studying medicine at a public university. They spoke about strikes at public universities. This prolongs the already long study period for medicine by years. Many students have really been affected by this and because of this, they have switched to courses with a shorter time of study.

The cost of studying medicine in Nigerian private universities ranges from (1,000,000 to 4,500,000 naira) per year which most families cannot afford to pay. So many people leave studying medicine out of their options.

There are many factors which push medical students out of Nigeria and into other countries?. They are things like poor salaries, poor working conditions, and so on. Doctors leaving Nigeria to work abroad are causing a brain drain and a shortage of doctors in Nigeria which is not good for our system. When students who end up studying medicine in Nigeria despite all odds come to look for work in Nigerian hospitals, they are paid poorly compared to what it took for them to study the course and this discourages them from working in Nigeria. The working conditions are also poor. There was a story of a hospital in Nigeria where when surgery was taking place, the

power source went out and since there was no other power source at that moment, a rechargeable lamp was used to finish the surgery. The patient still survived after the surgery but it is because of working conditions like this that doctors are leaving Nigeria for other places.

Tiff @Topical Talk

Replying to amazing_computer's comment

Are there any scholarship opportunities for medicine? Are there other solutions you can think of that would help address the issues you've mentioned?

amazing_computer

Rhemaville Christian Academy | Nigeria
Sadly, there are not enough scholarship
opportunities for medical students in Nigeria. That
is why many medical students rely on scholarships
abroad. The solution I can think of is for the
government to take interest in giving scholarships
to students because when medical students start
leaving it will cause a brain drain and this will be
detrimental to the economy of the nation. Private
university owners as well should consider giving
scholarships to exceptional students for their
efforts. It will encourage many of the medical
students to stay back in Nigeria to study.

careful_drawing

Adamson Middle School | United States of America

I believe that the doctor shortage has been made worse due to Covid- during the pandemic a lot of doctors were stressed and overworked.

considerate_crab

Ormiston Bushfield Academy | United Kingdom

A physiological factor may also be exhaustion. Doctors on average work between 60-80 hours a week in demanding positions, this can cause not only stress but exhaustion. Working for long periods in such stressful environments can both physically and mentally drain a person. Therefore, many doctors

are quitting their jobs in order to lead a more stressfree life and many students question their decisions in going into the medical field as the negative connotations around the job can be off-putting. In order to solve this, I believe doctors should be provided with more well-being resources to create a healthy work environment.

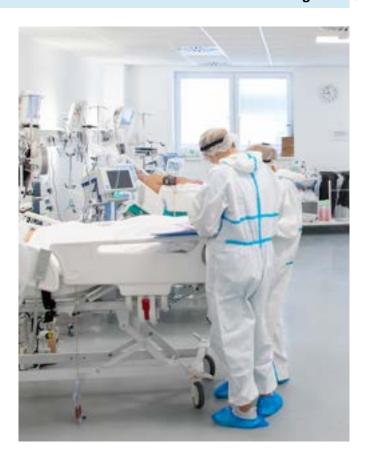
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Boutcher CofE Primary | United Kingdom

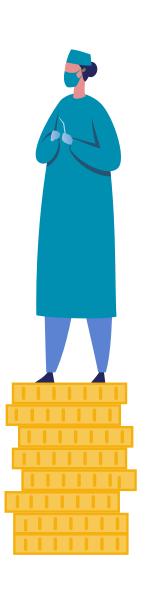
With Covid-19, a lot of doctors have been needed to cover for the virus, but there are also people suffering from other illnesses such as cancer.

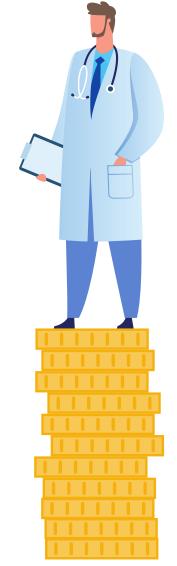
A good way to understand this is to imagine a thin glass table with buckets of water on top. Similar to this, each year, hospitals also have a certain amount of patients, too. If you put more buckets of water on the weak glass table it will eventually shatter. All that is left is the shattered pieces on the floor, unable to control the water splashing onto them.

This works the same for hospitals too, as the numbers of patients grow larger, doctors won't be able to handle it.











Protests in Iran: Mahsa Amini

Mahsa Amini, a 22-year-old woman, was arrested for not wearing a hijab according to the rules in Iran. She died in custody, sparking a wave of protests. In this lesson students discussed whether those outside of Iran have a responsibility to speak out.

Discussions

Students discussed whether those outside of Iran should get involved

harmonious_apricot

Pointe South Middle School | United States of America

People outside Iran should speak out about what is happening there. The protesters of Iran are having a difficult job trying to speak out because of how the Iranian government is blocking many peoples' access to social media.

clever_moon

St. Andrew Kaggwa Gombe High school | Uganda

I think people outside Iran should speak out for the Iranians since the government is making it difficult for them to protest. Not speaking for the Iranians will mean that we are abandoning the cause of human rights and equality and will show that over the years, human rights protecting organisations like Amnesty International have been working in vain. A recent example of protest working is George Floyd, a black American who was killed by policemen. After the public spoke and protested against this act, there were several police reforms enacted in relation to the protection of human rights.

remarkable_peach

Mayflower Centre | Romania replying to clever_moon's comment

I agree because the protests in America did cause changes. However, I'm not sure it was the fact that people in other countries protested too, that contributed to these changes. Also, the US is a democratic country, whereas Iran isn't. So in my view the more closed a society is, the less power that people from the outside have to make changes. Unfortunately, in a lot of cases the changes have to come from within.

loyal_lion

Govt. Shuhada-e-APS Model Girls High School | Pakistan Personally, I think wearing hijab is really beautiful. But imposing something right using wrong ways is definitely not the right thing to do. The main cause of these protests is the morality police forcing women to wear hijab.

A solution to this issue is that all the Muslim countries should use the platform of OIC (Organisation of Islamic Cooperation) to deliver the message to Iran. Secondly the countries must individually mount pressure over Iran and force it to remove the law.

supportive_philosophy

Govt. Shuhada-e-APS Model Girls High School | Pakistan

Men can play an important role towards equality in the world whether in the role of father, brother, husband or son. In our country it is believed that "Father's love is the biggest strength of a daughter" so I truly believe that if a father treats his daughter exactly as his son, she will do great things. Women have played an important role in building a nation. Women like Malala, Arfa Karim and many more have done so much for their country. Men should encourage women instead of discouraging them because women are not only born to spend their whole life in the kitchen. They can also do great jobs in any field.



YASAMIN JAFARI TEHRANI / Shutterstocks

STANDPOINT SPOTLIGHT

Dressed for death?



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Mayflower Centre

Well, it happened. Women in Iran finally stood up for themselves and said what had to be said. The protests are about how women are forced to wear hijabs because of the religious laws but people's opinions are starting to change ever since the death of Mahsa Amini, a 22 year old woman who was accused of not wearing her hijab properly and is said to have been killed by the Iranian morality police. Others believe it was a heart attack. What we know for sure is that she went to the police station then she was rushed to hospital and three days later she was dead.

This topic of course affects women in Iran but it also affects women from other countries who feel oppressed by their government because of religion or other reasons. Even women who are not forced to dress a certain way can feel affected because they can imagine what it would be like if something like this were to happen to one of them. Breathtaking_Meteor said that "wearing a scarf doesn't mean that women are not equal to men." However, I disagree with this because I think equality is about everyone being able to do the same things so if a women does not want to wear a hijab then it should be her choice and if she can't make this choice then she is not equal to a man who can do this.

In my opinion, the government should let women choose the way that they want to dress. It's not fair that women from other countries can dress however they want and they can't. I respect their religion and I think that whoever wants to keep the tradition of wearing the hijab should be allowed but it should be their choice. We should all be equal but unfortunately some of us live under laws that are brutal and hard to follow. In France, they do not allow religious people to wear their face coverings but I think this not right also because like I say I think there should be a choice. Everybody should be treated equally for their religion, colour of their skin etc. Some women on TikTok started online protests too. For example, shaving their hair to show that they care about Mahsa Amini. I think this is good because it shows the women in Iran that there is hope for them as other people feel the same way they do.

In conclusion, I think that religious states or any government should not be allowed to decide what women wear without their consent. I respect the women who wish to dress modestly for the sake of their faith but I also wish for them to have a choice. What you wear should not be a death sentence.





FESTIVAL

Experts

Over the Festival, topic experts answered questions from children to help them develop their thinking.



Scan the QR code or <u>read more</u> about the experts here.



EXPERT
Pete Pearson

Associate Chief Scientist for Exploration and Applied Research at NASA.



free_snail Asked Pete Pearson

What is the biggest obstacle you've faced in your job?



inventive_conclusionAsked Pete Pearson

Have you personally been trying to make your diet more sustainable? Do you think that a person is able to be sustainable on their own without the motive of society?



inventive_conclusion

Asked Pete Pearson

What sustainable plans for food waste have you helped to create?



quickwitted_tamarind Asked Pete Pearson

How can we make Earth more sustainable whilst the cost of living goes up? Food waste is big in my county, how would you convince everyone that they need to help without them feeling like they are hard done by?



EXPERT
Dr. Mamta Patel

Nagaraja

Associate Chief Scientist for Exploration and Applied Research at NASA.



<mark>Jubilant_seagull</mark> Asked Dr. Mamta Patel Nagaraja

Do you think that women are better for space and how can we get more women to work in space?



anonymous

Asked Dr. Mamta Patel Nagaraja
What motivated you to learn about
space and how did you know that you
have a passion and love for space?



highspirited_king

Asked Dr. Mamta Patel Nagaraja

How did you manage to achieve your dreams?



involved mood

Asked Dr. Mamta Patel Nagaraja

What astronomical achievement do you still wish to accomplish in your life?



incredible_redcurrant

Asked Dr. Mamta Patel Nagaraja What does this job bring you?



EXPERT Idrees Kahloon

Washington bureau chief for The Economist



EXPERT Dr Kenny Harris

Senior Project Engineer for NASA



beloved_planet Asked Idrees Kahloon

What is the most difficult thing you have faced in journalism?



jubilant_seagull Asked Idrees Kahloon

How can we as young people encourage our classmates to get more involved in politics and become interested in voting?



eloquent wolf Asked Idrees Kahloon

What motivated you to become a student at Harvard? And after you studied there, what made you want to come and work at The Economist?



remarkable_peach Asked Idrees Kahloon

Did the reversal of Roe v Wade by the Supreme Court have a negative impact on the Republican vote in the midterm elections?



enigmatic_imagination **Asked Dr Kenny Harris**

Do you believe that the billions being used on space exploration is well spent, rather than it being used on the economic problems we have here on Earth? If so, why?



contemplative signature **Asked Dr Kenny Harris**

How were you encouraged to participate and work in NASA to emphasise the importance of getting young people involved with STEM?



quickwitted_tamarind **Asked Dr Kenny Harris**

What problems did you face on your career path and how did you stay focused when these times came? Secondly, how has technology changed over time in your current job?



calm starfish **Asked Dr Kenny Harris**

If I read one book about space in my life, which one would you recommend?



Students reflected upon the benefit of hearing from experts

wonderful_grapefruit

Riverdale Middle School | United States of America

I learned from Dr. Mamta Patel Nagaraja of NASA that whenever you persist through something you can achieve anything you want in life. I also learned that when aiming for your goals you will fail, but you have to try again and again, and never give up. This information relates to jobs to do with space because when trying to work in space you will make mistakes, and you will be confused, but she never gave up. Dr. Mamta Patel Nagaraja of NASA never gave up on her dream; she was persistent. She started by looking up in the sky and wondering what each star represents. She also had an older sister who would tell her about things she learned at school. I found it interesting that she was inspired by many different people and events. Later in life, her interest led to her making an instrument to measure the atmosphere of another planet. Now she is able to inspire others.

brilliant_vegetable

Cheam Fields Primary Academy | United Kingdom

For me, my surprise came more from the questions than from the answers. As soon as these experts answered such complex, driving questions, I realised that the only way to push yourself is by asking questions, learning more, getting to mould your opinion based on your own and an expert's ideas. I believe this has really benefited me and has made me understand the importance of communicating, to spark curiosity and to have a voice.



US midterms: are young people political?

The news means that more people than ever can hear about politics – but does this mean young people are politically engaged? In this lesson, students explored what it means to be political, before taking time to reflect on themselves.



Scan the QR code or <u>view the</u> discussion here.

Discussions

Students explored whether young people are political

fabulous_huckleberry

Pointe South Middle School | United States of America

I think young people are rather political because young people like to talk about women's rights, LGBTQ + rights, BLM, and abortion rights and love to share their opinion on topics like this. According to statistics, 70% of people born in the late 1990s and early 2000's say that they are involved in a social or political cause. Also 52% of all people, even young people themself, believe that young people influence how the world creates change.

Tiff @ Topical Talk

replying to fabulous_huckleberry's comment

Well done for researching and finding relevant evidence. There is an interesting gap between the two statistics you found. Nearly 3/4s of young people say they are political, but only half of people believe they have actual influence. Why do you think this is?

fabulous_huckleberry

Pointe South Middle School | United States of America

Thank you for the insight. I think some young people don't believe that their opinion has an impact because when they share their opinion they get shut down and also the change does not happen right away so they think that the change will never happen, but they still like to voice their opinion.

sincere coconut

Govt Girls Higher Secondary School | PakistanOver the last 20 years in Pakistan schools have

conducted elections for the student council. The nominated students make mini posters and badges for students with attractive and catchy phrases to get them to vote. Schools do this to create a sense of responsibility, confidence and leadership. Students become mini leaders during these elections, busy in campaigning, involving their parents, siblings and friends. The voters talk at home and with friends about who their favourite candidates are.

easygoing_lemon

Garden High School | India

Young people are definitely political. In our country, India, students actively take part in politics. Young people have led numerous revolutions and mass movements in our country. I believe India's freedom would not have been possible without the active involvement of young people. Young people are adaptable to change. They have ideas and a free mind. Hence they obviously should involve themselves in politics. In democratic countries, a massive chunk of voters are young people. Young people are free thinkers. Although inexperienced, young people have fresh ideas and modern and rational thinking.

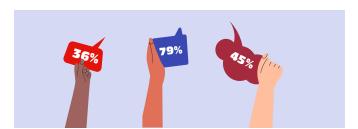
jubilant_tsunami

Ormiston Bushfield Academy | United Kingdom

I believe that everyone is political, but not everyone likes to share their views and opinions due to various reasons. This could be because young people sometimes struggle to stand out from others and prefer to 'fit in' with people who perhaps have different views. It could also be because they feel as though they do not have much of a say in the politics world, despite this changing as younger people's voices are beginning to be heard - such as Malala Yousafzai

and Greta Thunberg who have inspired many across the world. Young people are political within their daily lives perhaps without even noticing, but they do not feel as though their opinions would have an impact upon these political situations/issues.

On the other hand, especially in some areas of England, there are 'Youth MPs' who proudly speak out about what actions should be taken towards some issues, such as topics surrounding mental health, schools, the environment etc. With topics like these being spoken about by young people, it most likely creates an impact because they are all closely related to their daily lives and so they are able to share their personal experiences. Moreover, lots of young people unfortunately go through experiences in these stages of their lives where they feel as though their rights have been taken away or are not as prominent as adult's rights. This causes them to feel a lack of inclusion within the politics world and hence do not show and voice their views. This causes people to believe that young people are not political or are less political than adults.



STANDPOINT SPOTLIGHT

Politics and Youth- Exploring the Connection



easygoing_lemon **Garden High School**

"If Young People are not always right, the society which ignores and knocks them is always wrong." - Francois Mitterand

India- the largest democracy in the world also has the largest number of young people in the world. Politics in India has been largely impacted by what the youth thinks. Political parties leave no stone unturned to influence the young voters of our country. There are numerous examples of young leaders in our nation and throughout the world who have led their people through the toughest times. Yet young people are not considered political by many.

Politics is not always a dirty game of diplomacy. It is a weapon to bring change. However, there is a common stereotype that exists among many people: "Anything that involves politics is bad." Parents try to keep their children away from politics. However, I am of the opinion that however bad politics might be in some cases, young people should get involved in it as it is only, they who can bring the change just like Thanathorn Juangroongruankit from Thailand, Syed Saddiq from Malaysia or Anil Shetty from India who all joined politics to bring change.

In India young politicians have undoubtedly played a major role in nation building right from the Independence Movement or even before. At that time there were strong patriotic emotions among the young Indians. They were determined to see India free from the shackles of British rule. Khudiram Bose, Bagha Jatin, Binoy, Badol, Dinesh are only few examples of young leaders who gave up their lives at very young ages only to see India free! In fact, Baji Rout was martyred only at an age of 12 years while fighting for India! Such is the determination of young people. Eventually the combined efforts of all these people led to our independence. Throughout the world we have examples of young politicians like Chloe Swarbrik (24 years) who is constantly raising her voice against climate change, Jordon Steele- John (25 years) who is fighting against discrimination towards disabled people, Neha Joshi (34 years) who is fighting for women rights and many more. They all are changemakers not complainers. Young people have more ideas. They are innovative and adaptable to change. They can accept change and also bring change. They have the capabilities of execution and ambitions to do something good. They are energetic, relentless and fearless. Hence young people are political.



The global food crisis

There is enough food in the world for nobody to go hungry, so why is there a global food crisis? In this lesson students explored the complexities of food scarcity by playing a trade game and reflecting on how their experiences in the game might mirror the real world.

Discussions

A student described what they go up to in their lesson

best fern

Riverdale Middle School |United States of America

There is enough food in the world. The thing is, countries may have reasons for not having food.

In my class we did a simulation where my team and classmates. We cut out paper shapes to represent farming tools and food and played a game which led to having food. We had to negotiate with other teams and countries who had things we needed. There were 5 teams in total, Italy, South Korea, China, Poland, and France. Poland was lower on food and didn't have enough points to take care of their people so they tried to make an alliance and failed many times but France accepted and helped them out.

South Korea played a huge role in the simulation. Their team had at least 4-5 people and they almost made alliances with everyone.

The game also had a war break out between the countries which broke down alliances. There was also a flood that happened, where actual water was thrown on our paper cut outs and that caused a food crisis.

STANDPOINT SPOTLIGHT

The reasons why we haven't yet solved the issue of the global food crisis



willing_city
St. Andrew Kaggwa Gombe
High school

These are some of the reasons why we haven't solved the global food crisis yet.

The UN and FAO have tried many ways to fight world hunger and these include providing food to countries badly affected by disaster. In many cases, the support provided by these organisations doesn't reach the people that need it most. This introduces us to one of the major factors affecting world hunger. This factor is corruption. For example in my country Uganda, The government came up with the idea of donating food to people all over the country since most of them weren't working during the Covid-19 lock down and their families were going to starve. Many individuals and organisation tried to assist the government by donating food items like cooking oil, milk and other food accessories. but most of these donated items didn't reach the general public and reached only a few of the essential workers. This was partly due to corrupt leaders that only supplied poor quality maize flour and beans to the citizens and decided to sell the food stuffs of good quality. With such corruption in the world, it will be had to fight world hunger.

The other reason is the ongoing war in Ukraine this has led to many necessary and compulsory items' costs skyrocketing. This will mean that many low-income families and individuals will struggle to buy these necessities; though many world leaders are often way more well-off than normal citizens. One of these necessities is food.

Another of these reasons is poverty. Poverty- a main factor. Many people around the world are too poor to buy their own food and get rid of hunger. Poverty contributes to world hunger by forcing them to sell their livestock, tools and even forming a vicious cycle, which makes people who cannot afford buying food undernourished.

Many families who don't earn very much or don't have a job may find life very difficult and might starve on the street. In addition, Covid 19 has also led to many people not having jobs. This is leading to increasing numbers of people unable to afford buying simple, everyday items.

Climate change has led to droughts, floods and many other unpredictable events. Droughts will lead to food crops not having enough water and wilting. Floods will lead to many useful crops dying and being ripped from the fields. This situation needs to change.

Finally, food waste. Food waste often occurs when restaurants and people at home throw out food. Some throw food in oceans because they have nowhere to get rid of the food, affecting aquatic animals and destroying sea nature. Often, distributors and retailers reject fruit and vegetables that are not perfect. These kinds of food could be something to be given at least to feed undernourished people.

There must be efforts to reduce world hunger that include: lasting solutions to empower people, bringing an end to conflict, taking better care of our planet and making a conscious effort not to waste food.





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Space: a positive human future?

In this lesson, students considered how space innovations might help create a positive human future.



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Discussions

Students debated the value of space exploration

zestful_deer

Govt. Shuhada-e-APS Model Girls High School | Pakistan

Space exploration is important for mankind in the long run. As a physics person, I know that there are many experiments that could only be done in space that open many doors to the proper understanding of some physical phenomenon such as" bose-einstein" condensate and the physical impacts of no gravity on biological organisms.

Helen @ The Economist replying to zestful_deer's comment replying to fabulous_huckleberry's comment Thanks zestful_deer_Tell_us_what is the best thi

Thanks zestful_deer. Tell us, what is the best thing about being a 'physics person'.

zestful_deer

Govt. Shuhada-e-APS Model Girls High School | Pakistan

I am totally in love with it. What's the best part of it? Physics is everywhere you look. When you know about "einstein's theory of relativity" even sitting on a chair and feeling that what's actually going on makes it interesting. From the smallest particles to biggest galaxies and then to the multiverse it keeps getting interesting. Thanks for asking!

dedicated_trombone

Ormiston Bushfield Academy | United Kingdom
There are some disadvantages. Firstly, increased
levels of air pollution. Climate change is getting
worse by day and launching a huge rocket into
space will not help. Not only the actual launching
of the rocket but the transporting of materials and
construction too. That is a lot of emissions which
does not help our current situation. There is also a
lot of waste from building and launching. Another
reason is that it is way too expensive. Money should

be spent on housing homeless people, importing food, clean water, education, work places - overall just making life better for every country.

focused seed

Bal Bharati Public school B | India

As an aspiring astrophysicist I think that exploring space is certainly positive for the human future. Space is the one domain where we can question the roots of our existence. By exploring space we aren't only helping ourselves with more knowledge about what lies beyond us but also trying to get closer and closer with little steps to our aim of finding civilisations and life other than us. It is said that the way we are living we may not have our planet for long. That's where the question comes. Where will we go, if we have to in the future? Where will we go to survive? How will we survive? Finally, I would like to say that the only way we can actually discover that if how and by whom were we created, it is by the exploration of what lies way beyond us.

educated_parrot

Shohour Public High School | Lebanon

Did you know that you use in your daily life technological innovations from NASA? First, taking pictures using the selfie camera is from the design of spacecraft. Also, the vacuum cleaners we can't live without are also NASA designs that have been used to extract samples from the surface of the moon. Swimwear was also designed by NASA with the aim of reducing drag and friction with water. Last but not least, have you ever asked yourself where did firefighter clothing and equipment come from? Yes, it is also one of the wonderful innovations of NASA, as it was designed because astronauts faced extreme temperatures when entering the atmosphere, and these clothes were known to protect humans from fires and extreme temperatures.

So, in my opinion, the whole world benefits from space innovations, as it has become an indispensable part in the life of every one of us.



STANDPOINT SPOTLIGHT

Space exploration an "Ultimate Future Of Mankind"



attentive_physics

Govt. Shuhada-e-APS Model Girls **High School B**



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Weekly competitions and polls

New polls and competitions were added every week of the Festival. One competition asked children to make connections between topics.

motivated cheetah

Beit Hanoun Prep Girls A School | Palestine

1 think climate change and the lunch crisis link because high temperature causes drought and therefore affects the growth of agricultural crops such as wheat and barley, whose cultivation depends on rain water. And barley, and agricultural production will be affected by this drought, which will lead to a decrease in agricultural yields, and most likely will lead to a decrease in the yield of rice, which is a basic commodity for most of the population of the globe, and high temperatures will lead to the death of animals and consequently a decline in the returns of livestock from meat, milk and their products, and high rainfall and floods can cause In the sinking and erosion of the soil and the decrease in the returns from it, which will lead to problems in the crops of farmers, and this leads to a rise in the prices of agricultural crops, which most countries that suffer from fleeing cannot buy them, and thus will lead to the occurrence of famines.

victorious_nectarine

Shri Natesan Vidyasala Mhss | Uganda

"I think that *The Global Food Crisis* and *Fast Fashion* I could imagine the big picture of how this impacts the world I live. The world wanted everything new, fast, and trendy ready to pay. but the side efforts which bring cheap toxic textile dyes are directly connected to the impact of soil pollution. Fast disposal of clothes creates textile waste which causes global warming, As a real-time example In our nearby town, dveing and bleaching units that add color and flair to its dress materials have turned the beautiful river into a toxic sewer, and destroyed vast areas of agricultural land, which was the water source for agriculture to the nearby villages, the contaminated water source affected crop yield and creates a shortage of food, farmers sold their agriculture land and moved their community where they lived for many years, now get scattered and working as labors fighting for healthy food. It's not just a village it's happening in many places too.

smart_donkey

Elite Scholars Academy A | **United States of America** I think that the protest in iran and black panther: representation and diversity link because they both show different cultures and what it is like living in different

parts of the world, and this helps me get a bigger picture of what's happening because in the world because as someone who does not originate from america it is great to understand other peoples culture, and problems.



Competition winners

Student	School	Country	
fficient_moment	Shouka Prep Girls School	Palestine	
iery_raisin	Boutcher CofE Primary A	United Kingdom	
charming_weaver	Shri Natesan Vidyasala Mhss	India	
fascinating_goat	Elite Scholars Academy A	United Kingdom	
eloquent_ impressions	Kibeda School	Sudan	
decisive_reality	Bal Bharati Public School	India	
diplomatic_idea	Mayflower Centre	Romania	
persistent_ painting	Àlímòsó Senior Grammar School	Nigeria	
motivated_ cheetah	Beit Hanoun Prep Girls A School	Palestine	
victorious_ nectarine	Shri Natesan Vidyasala Mhss	India	
smart_donkey	Elite Scholars Academy A	United States of America	
successful_papaya	Boutcher CofE Primary A	United Kingdom	
accurate_wombat	Rhemaville	Nigeria	
victorious_ nectarine	Shri Natesan Vidyasala Mhss	India	
brilliant_ vegetables	Cheam Fields Primary Academy	United Kingdom	
wonderful_ grapefruit	Riverdale Middle School G	United States of America	
daring_cherry	St. Andrew Kaggwa Gombe High School	Uganda	



UK politics: is it time for a general election?

In October 2022, Rishi Sunak became the prime minister of the UK, making him the fifth prime minister in six years. In this lesson, students will ask what's next for UK politics? And is it time for a general election to give the power back to the people?



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Discussions

Students discussed whether a general election should be called

remarkable_peach

Mayflower Centre | Romania

I think this was an interesting topic as we were not aware of how different the UK system is. In my opinion, this is a moral issue rather than legal. The fact that the UK has had so many prime ministers in such a short time is not illegal. But the question is if the current prime minister has the moral obligation to organise a general election. Some people will argue that he does, because he was elected by a handful of people and even then he wasn't their first choice, he was the last resort after the previous prime minister resigned. Others will say that the UK is in a crisis as it is and a general election will only make things worse. And who's to say that another party will win anyway? And if it doesn't, it will be a waste of time and money. I think the current prime minister should be allowed to do his job and his party should support him, as these are very difficult times.

quickwitted_tamarind

Cheam Fields Primary Academy | United Kingdom

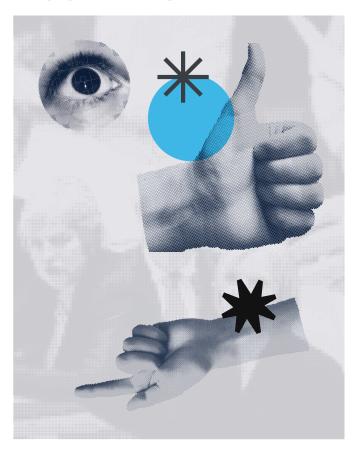
I believe it is time for a general election in the UK. This country is democratic, the public are allowed to make their voices heard and have the right to vote. I think that it is not only up to parliament to make our choices but the people too. If the people disagree with him, they should speak out against it. With the cost of living going up, we don't just need a stable

government, we need a government that the people agree with and trust. If we do not agree with him, we cannot trust his decisions.

earnest tsunami

Ormiston Bushfield Academy | United Kingdom

Is it time for a general election in the UK? parts of the world, and this helps me get a bigger picture of what's happening because in the world because as someone who does not originate from america it is great to understand other peoples culture, and problems.





COP27: is it sustainable?

There is enough food in the world for nobody to go hungry, so why is there a global food crisis? In this lesson students explored the complexities of food scarcity by playing a trade game and reflecting on how their experiences in the game might mirror the real world.



Scan the QR code or <u>view the</u> discussion here.

Discussions

A student from Egypt, the country hosting COP27, shared their perspective on the sustainability of the event

storytelling_chocolate

Futures Hurghada Language School | Egypt As an Egyptian I am very proud that the Cop 27 was held in my country this year, but to be a fair judge

I think that the event wasn't as sustainable as I personally expected.

First of all, the event didn't seem to reduce emissions from previous events. Nearly all the attendees who attended COP27 must've come to Egypt by a plane, a car, or a ship. These aren't really eco-friendly transport options.

Secondly, I think that the money which was spent at the event could've helped the people who lost their houses or their families in the recent floods and the hurricanes which were caused by climate change. Also I believe that the event should be held in a country in which it has many natural areas so that people can visit these places. Another idea is that

instead of using cars for transportation, the country that holds the event should provide bikes for all of the attendees so they don't use cars.

Last and not least, I think one of the best solutions for the COP28 is that it should be held online to prevent the emissions which cause trouble for the environment, and they should use their budget in more useful ways.



STANDPOINT SPOTLIGHT

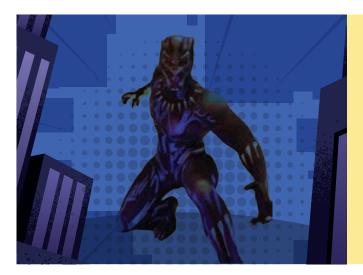
The Final Say



chatty-guineapig High Lawn Primary School



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Black Panther: representation and diversity

Black Panther was the 18th film in the Marvel Cinematic Universe – but it was celebrated as a major milestone for representation and diversity in film. In time for the release of Black Panther: Wakanda Forever, this lesson helped students to explore why diversity in film is important and discuss how representation should be done right.

STANDPOINT SPOTLIGHT

Black Panther - What has it taught me and many around the Globe



charming_weaver

Shri Natesan Vidyasala Mhss

The topic on Black Panther has taught me so many things. One such significant takeaway for me, is how black people and their way of life has been represented beautifully in the movie. While it is quite common to showcase diversity in films, many a time, they fail to enlighten the audience with authentic and accurate information. This in turn leads to wrong representation of the subject. Black Panther is a welcome change!

Misrepresentation of facts has a negative impact. Lifestyles and cultures of people from across the world have significant influence even on many in the remotest parts of the world. An erroneous representation of cultures can create very vague and wrong prejudices of these cultures or lifestyles.

In my own experience, I have been taken aback and shocked when people of foreign origin with whom I come into contact, voice their mind about my country, India. It has always been about Biriyani, Curry, Snake Charmers, Elephants or Taj Mahal. While some are close to correct observations, many are not. For example, Biriyani wasn't even invented in India, yet it is known "Indian" among many foreigners. India is so much more than just food and mysticism! This is possibly because India is seen through the eyes of someone, be it a movie, a book or a documentary, that fails to portray accurate and authentic information about its culture and lifestyle.

Another way in which misrepresentation takes place is through cultural appropriation. For example, wearing a "Bindi" on the forehead of a women is a very auspicious part of Indian culture. Without knowing this, many women around the world have started to wear it as a piece of fashion, without really understanding its deep significance. I am a girl from South India and have travelled to many places around the world and saw this with my own eyes. This is just one small personal example that comes to my mind. Usually, small things like these end up misrepresenting the entire culture.

I therefore feel that representation of a culture through any medium, be it books, movies of even cultural events should research deeper and present authentic information. It is also my duty and everyone's, as an individual and community to present my/our culture to the outside word in the correct way. I can be the Brand Ambassador of my culture.

Discussions

Students discussed the importance of diversity and representation in film

ingenious_library

Start-Rite Schools | Nigeria

A movie with diversity and representation can show and celebrate people of different races, cultural backgrounds, sexualities, genders, religions and more. In Black Panther we see a person of colour as the main protagonist and hero of the movie. As a person of colour myself, I feel that diversity is extremely important in mass media because POC are still subject to stereotypes and stigmatisation for things that make no sense. While some stereotypes are not particularly 'harmful', they still make the progress we've made seem in vain. Sometimes, people believe that representation is just including a character of colour which it isn't. Good representation depends on how you portray a character. Good representation isn't making a black character a criminal or thug, it's making a movie starring a black person as the protagonist and focusing on them as a character and not the colour of their skin. Black Panther was one of the films that were able to do this amazingly. In Black Panther, African culture is shown amazingly and it helps that most of the cast and crew are POC. This helps in the reduction of the stigma around Black people.

breathtaking_meteor

Govt. Shuhada-e-APS Model Girls High School A | Pakistan

I think it is important to see diversity in films because it helps people respect other races and religions but it also develops confidence in people of all the different races and religions. I remember how happy I was this year when I saw the first Pakistani superhero (Ms Marvel). It gave me courage that I can be a part of something big and gave a sense of belonging that we are not less than anyone. Black Panther was the first black lead solo superhero movie and I think it is also important because all the children who see the movie develop a healthy mindset that all humans are equal and a black person can also lead us. Also seeing Shuri develop shows that a woman can also be a leader defying the concept of that only men are strong enough to lead.

James @ KPMG

replying to breathtaking_meteor's comment

Breaktaking_mentor, thank you for your comment. I like the character of Ms Marvel: not only does she bring more diversity to the world of superheroes, the comic strips show what life can be like to be a muslim in the US.

charming_weaver

Shri Natesan Vidyasala Mhss | India

Some representations are not great. For example, I think Raj of Big Bang Theory or Apu of The Simpsons do not represent what India or Indians truly are! India is not a country of cows or poor people or people with poor English slang! This is also a country which has produced some best scientists, inventors, entrepreneurs, economists, a country bubbling with young minds and energy willing to go anywhere to achieve big things.

But such poor portrayal only makes people across the Globe believe what they see! Enormous efforts are required to change that perspective! Hence diverse and correct representation is very important. For instance, Priyanka Chopra Jonas, a well-known Indian actor, cannot do a role written for a black character or a Chinese or Korean character, but definitely can play a general American role right? Why aren't such roles offered to all? The Beauty of America is that it is multicultural.

Having said that, the right role should be given to the right people who represent the cause. In India a movie biopic named "TAALI" is being played by former Miss Universe Sushmita Sen, also a well-known actor in India. While she may do justice to the role, the sad part is that the biopic is about a transgender person, Gauri, who worked tirelessly for the rise of her community. It would only be fair to see the role of Gauri, being played by a trans actor.

Amica @ The Economist

replying to charming_weaver's comment

Thank you for joining the discussion @charming_weaver! These examples are very thought-provoking.

An interesting development is that in some productions of stories based on history we are also starting to see more "colourblind" casting, where actors are cast to play figures who historically were of a different ethnicity to them. A good example of this is the musical (and later film) "Hamilton". Why do you think producers or filmmakers might make this decision?

charming_weaver

Shri Natesan Vidyasala Mhss | India

Sorry for this late response. I don't know how I did not notice this question. Today people are ready to look at how powerful the performance was rather than who performs! I think that makes the difference and that is why Hamilton had a very positive response from the audience. A musical or a story that is not about a particular ethnicity, should have a colorblind cast.

Having said that, casting for the story of Martin Luther King Jr cannot be colourblind. In my above comment, about the Hindi movie Taali, I felt a transgenderactor should have been given the opportunity to present their Biopic. The life that a trans person lives here in India is very hard. They are treated very badly. A trans person playing the biopic would have been much more powerful because it is their story.

articulate bird

College Edouard Manet | France

Diversity has become a very important issue today. The world has changed and movies need to reflect that. To create better movies, the industry needs a more diverse cast that reflects a diverse community. A small change that could give a good example would be more representation of disabled people in movies. It would be good to see disabled people, not ablebodied people acting disabled, in movies and to watch their real life stories. We would then be able to put ourselves in their shoes and view life from their point of view.



STANDPOINT SPOTLIGHT

Representation or diversity witch is more important



tidy twilight

Rex Mill Middle STEM School E

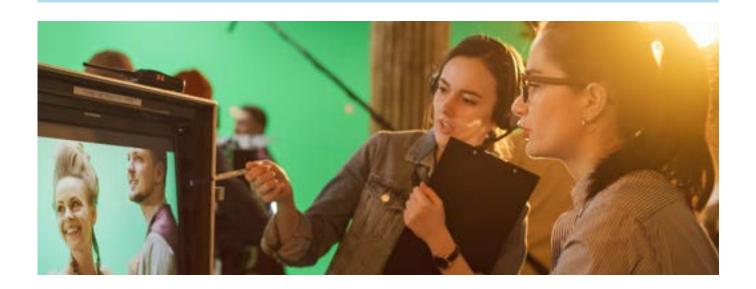
A film's diversity is extremely helpful because everyone can contribute their ideas when a variety of people are working on it. A group of people who think differently can share and mix ideas to create a great film, rather than having only similar people involved who think alike.

In the past, women were not allowed to vote and express their opinions, which prevented all of us from sharing our perspectives, opinions, and ideas.

Another example of not being diverse enough is when world leaders were telling children to stay away from climate change and just let adults handle it. However, some brave individuals, like Greta Thunberg, stood up and showed that we all care about climate change too. We can produce creative ideas that no one else could possibly think of.

Superhero movies tend to feature white men as most of the heroes, and I don't think this is a positive thing; I think it's not fair. Despite the fact that Marvel films seem to show the same types of people throughout, I don't feel represented in them. The movies are mostly filled with white men, not much women, and not much ethnic minorities. There is something unfair about this.

In my opinion, I think this is why diversity is more significant than representation.





Fast fashion

In this lesson, students explored the problems caused by fast fashion. Who is responsible? And who has the most power to make a difference?



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STANDPOINT SPOTLIGHT

Cost of living...Which clothes?





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STANDPOINT SPOTLIGHT

Fast Fashion, the environment and possible solutions.



affectionate_planetAdamson Middle School G

Have you ever imagined life without fashion, cause I don't. Today I will be talking about fast fashion. If you don't know what fast fashion is, it's cheap low quality clothing that's rapidly produced and is cycled in and the market meets new trends. Once the trend is over the manufacturer stays with all their clothes guess what they do? Keep reading to know. Do you shop at shein , macy, forever 21 and other companies? They are all fast fashion companies . You may say this is not a big deal but it is.

Fast fashion is bad and this is my opinion on why it is bad. Let's say this outfit is trendy, many companies like shein and others are quick to make it as soon as the outfit goes out of style people stop buying it when this happens manufacturers burn the clothes that people aren't really buying instead of donating to people indeed. When you burn clothes its really bad for the environment. This can produce carbon dioxide into the air and that's not good for us or the environment. Not only burning clothes but workers are getting low pay for something they took the time on. I know everybody would like to get paid for what they work for who wants to get underpaid, not me. Anyways, this is my friend's point of view. She believes that it doesn't matter and she only cares about fashion. I honestly see where she is coming from but not everything is about fashion or being on the trend. Let's hear from my other friend. I honestly love fashion but I prefer the environment. Looks like she agrees with me that not everything is about fashion.

Just to conclude on everything I have talked about, fashion is not always the key. Fast fashion is not more important than this environment or workers getting underpaid. And if you still don't agree with me, put yourself in their shoes. They have family to go back and feed and getting underpaid will not solve the issue.

STANDPOINT SPOTLIGHT

Fast Fashion, the environment and possible solutions.



poetic banana **Shouka Prep Girls School**

I always think that the most amazing thing to do for Earth is to respond to its needs. The environment always reacts to what humans do. Any projects people do have their effects on the environment.

I tried to think of "fast fashion", how the environment reacts to it, and possible solutions to lessen its bad effects of it. Fast fashion is defined as "cheap, trendy clothing that samples ideas from the catwalk or celebrity culture and turns them into garments in high street stores at breakneck speed to meet consumer demand."

Being cheap and trendy is not the problem. I guess the problem is the "breakneck speed" of producing these clothes and products. Of course, high-speed production means more emission of carbon. Carbon emissions will dry up water sources. Polluting and drying up water sources is the worst that can happen as water is the most important element of nature.

When I heard of "fast fashion" the first thing that comes to my mind is "plastic". I decided to dig deep to make sure what plastic has to do with fast fashion. I found out that the main material used in fast production is "virgin plastic". It was the first time I hear of this kind of plastic. It means that the plastic used is not previously recycled which means more damage to the environment; specifically creatures that live in the oceans.

Also, the word "fast" makes me think of how long we can use the products of "fast fashion", only to discover that those who buy such products throw them away within a year. I can imagine millions of people around the world getting rid of these products only to buy new ones. The damage is even indescribable.

An amazing thing I learned from "Topical talk" is to think creatively about problems to find solutions. Consequently, reading about and thinking of fast fashion and its damage made me think of possible steps we can do to alleviate the damage. Thinking logically, I know that government can't ban producing such products thoroughly, but at least governments need to make sure that the plastic used in production should be recycled. As youngsters are the targeted audience for fast fashion, schools and universities need to launch awareness campaigns about the side effects of "fast fashion". As a student who now knows all about the disadvantages of fast fashion, I always try to talk to my friends about the damage that such products do. I lead broadcast programs at school to make sure all students in the school know about fast fashion's side effects. By dedicating my standpoint to be about "fast fashion", I invite all students to be aware of such fashions and to use and buy them wisely.

Award winners

Alastair Burnet Award

The Alastair Burnet Award is named after the former editor of The Economist newspaper. This award goes to one outstanding class who've shown an impressive commitment to the Festival and made exceptional contributions throughout the project. The award was given to Shri Natesan Vidyasala MHSS, a school in India.



Scan the QR code or watch the class accept their award here.

Shri Natesan Vidyasala MHSS school was set up in a self-described "no man's land" 28 years ago by the current principal's father. Since then, it has become a lively and vibrant community hub built on the belief that society can change when good education is provided.

Shri Natesan Vidyasala MHSS contributed fantastically to Festival discussions. Students were particularly attentive when replying to other students. They contributed to the global discussion by sharing their specific community perspective on the Festival topics and how these current affairs affect their lives.

The school receives £1,000 to spend how they choose, so long as it builds on students' achievements in the Festival. For example, they may choose to buy recording equipment to set up a news club in school or give students a budget to take action on one of the topics that most inspired them during the Festival.



Standpoint Awards

Standpoints can be in written, audio or video formats. Five winning standpoints are selected by three expert judges from The Economist. Standpoint winners receive a certificate, a personalised feedback video for one of the judges and a gift bag of items to support them as budding journalists.

Winning standpoints are included in this Festival Highlights magazine.







Standpoint award winners					
Student	School	Country			
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fascinating_ panda_bear	Mayflower Centre	Romania			
charming_weaver	Shri Natesan Vidyasala Mhss	India			
attentive_physics	Govt. Shuhada-e-APS Model Girlss High School B	India			
chatty_guineapig	High Lawn Primary School	United Kingdom			

Global Discussion Awards

Ten students and Ten classes are selected for Global Discussion awards. These awards are given to those with the most stars. Stars are given for contributions to discussions based on the skills and knowledge that Topical Talk develops. Students who communicate effectively with each other and creatively solve-problems together accumulate stars.





Student leader board

Student	School	Country	Stars
amazing_ computer	Rhemaville Christian Academy	Nigeria	28
accurate_ wombat	Rhemaville Christian Academy	Nigeria	25
daring_cherry	St. Andrew Kaggwa Gombe High School	Uganda	21
quickwitted_ tamaring	Cheam Fields Primary Academy	United Kingdom	20
idealistic_song	St. Andrew Kaggwa Gombe High School	Uganda	17
charming_ weaver	Shri Natesan Vidyasala Mhss	India	17
remarkable_ peach	Mayflower centre	Romania	14
free_snail	Beit Hanoun Prep Girls A School	Palestine	13
jubilant_seagull	Mayflower Centre	Romania	13
spirited_plum	Pointe South Middle School R	USA	12



Class leader board

School	Country	Stars
Rhemaville Christian Academy	Nigeria	96
St. Andrew Kaggwa Gombe High School	Uganda	89
Mayflower Centre	Romania	76
Beit Hanoun Prep Girls A School	Palestine	54
Alkhansaa Prep Co Ed School B	Palestine	54
Shri Natesan Vidyasala Mhss	India	49
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Boutcher C of E Primary A	United Kingdom	44
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