



The Essential Peace: Innovating and Integrating Action Peacebuilding in the Classroom

“If we are to reach real peace in this world ...
we shall have to begin with children” - Gandhi, 1931





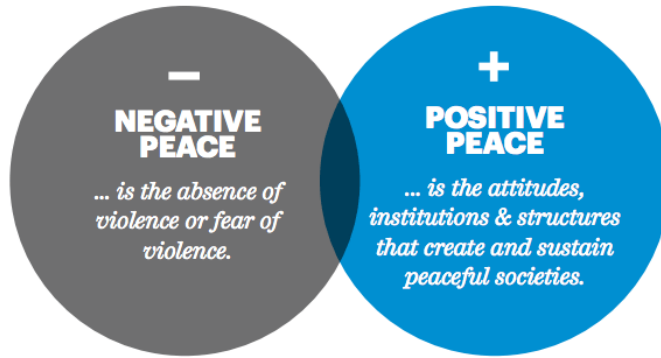
Sustainable
Culture of Peace
has education
as foundation
(process,
way of solving
problems)

UN Resolution 2250

Young people
ages 14 to 24
are world's largest,
fastest-growing
demographic
and
they're eager to be
peacebuilders

US youth:
potential, resources,
expectations
as young leaders

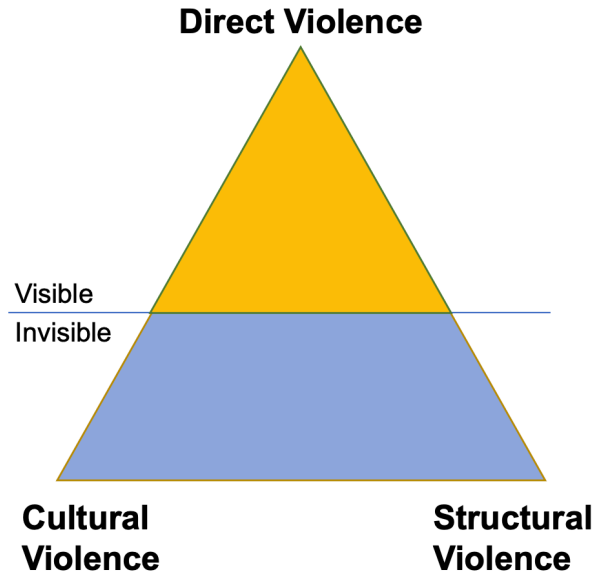




Teachers: Authority, Legitimacy, Means, Conditions to Promote Peace



Anchor Tools: 8 Pillars of Peace, Galtung's Triangle, Conflict Tree





Lack of recycling facilities available



Birmingham rated 14th worst US city for year-round particulate air pollution.

ENVIRONMENT

Gun violence affects the families of victims in emotional as well as economic ways.



VIOLENCE

CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS
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Many homicides occur between youth ages 10 to 29.

Per capita, the number of people who die of violence in Birmingham is higher than Detroit.

LACK OF YOUTH VOICE



← BIRMINGHAM

FINDING COMMON GROUND

RESPECT

HUNGER



69% of Birmingham's population lives in a food desert.



One in six people in Alabama struggles with hunger.



Hunger over a long period of time can cause: a less functional immune system, impaired growth, depression, skin problems.



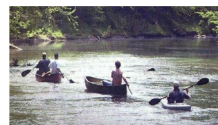
A representative from ALDOT says \$1.9 million is spent a year on litter pick-up – of all the cities in the area, Birmingham is the

TRASHIEST



With the litter that is in our streets, we should be doing daily cleanups instead of letting others throw trash on our sacred lands.

Cahaba River Society works to restore the river by advocating for: clean water, biodiversity, green infrastructure, natural flows.



The biggest issues: traffic flow, crumbling pavement, and deteriorating housing.



INFRASTRUCTURE



Some people want to think that racism is not happening anymore. It's different than before, but racism is still here.



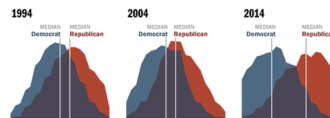
RACISM & CULTURAL DIVERSITY

We are still addressing the effects of a history of people of color not having access to bank loans, jobs, voting, housing, and education.

African American workers regularly face higher unemployment rates than whites.
americanprogress.org



POLITICAL POLARIZATION



Lack of RESPECT

Today's increase in partisanship in the U.S. has harmful effects and leads to inaction, as in a 'my way or the highway,' rigid mentality that lowers the probability of achieving what we need.

Alabama's wealthiest city provides \$7,100 in local education funding per student – other counties provide only about \$700 per student.

