



LESSON PLAN: THE UNITED NATIONS AND REFORM

Focus Group Forum Questions:

1. Comment on the statement: "The whole is only as strong as the sum of its parts" and whether this statement is true for the United Nations.
2. Discuss whether you feel the U.N.'s power should be increased to have enforcement authority over any nation or should it be decreased to only provide humanitarian aid when asked.
3. Should the five permanent members of the Security Council continue to retain their veto power? Why or why not?
4. The end of the Cold War changed the purpose of the U.N.'s original mission to prevent another world war. Do you agree or disagree with the statement and why?
5. Can the U.N. in its current configuration and operation of existing programs be effective in preventing global terrorism? Explain your answer.
6. Do you feel the right issues are being discussed at the world summit to address some of the criticism facing the U.N.? Explain your answer.
7. Overall do you feel the U.N. is a successful organization? Why or why not. Cite examples to support your view.