

THE PERCENTAGE IS RIGHT GAME

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GAME PREPARATION

- Make a chart similar to the handout, *Other Forms of Civic Participation*, on your poster board. Your chart, however, should differ in that it should be missing one statistic from each row. For example, the following row in your chart is missing the statistic on financial contributions made to a political party by non-disabled people (answer 16%). Alternate which columns you omit the numbers from.

Other Forms of Civic Participation	Disabled People	Non-Disabled People
CONTRIBUTED MONEY TO A POLITICAL PARTY OR CANDIDATES	13%	

- Write the missing percentages on index cards or card stock (whatever will fit best in your chart block).

HOW TO PLAY THE GAME

- Distribute the percentage cards to the youth participants.
- Go over each form of civic participation and ask the youth participants to guess which group is more active (disabled people or non-disabled people).
- This is your chance to be BOB BARKER! After reading each form of civic participation, ask the youth participants, "Is it going to be higher, or lower?"
- As the youth participants eventually guess right through process of elimination (or lucky guesses), ask them to post their answer on

the chart.

Another option is to have a matching card already on the board but turned over. When the youth get the answer right, turn the card over. This resembles a game show a bit more than playing the other way.

- Complete this process until the entire chart is filled.
- Review the statistics together and facilitate a discussion using the questions provided.

POST THE PERCENTAGE IS RIGHT GAME DISCUSSION **QUESTIONS**

What, if anything, surprises you about the numbers on this chart?

The youth participants might find it surprising that statistics show that people with disabilities are less inclined to partake in any form of civic action. Or, they also might find the numbers, in general, to be particularly low, depending on how civic-minded the youth are at this point in their lives.

Do you think candidates and politicians might care more about what non-disabled people think if they are more civic-minded? If so, why?

The statistics show that non-disabled people are more likely to contribute to political campaigns and become active in them, write letters to newspapers, get involved in issues, etc. Non-disabled people have been more active in politics, in general.

People with disabilities need to become more involved with politics before politicians will take us seriously as a voting block and push for polling site accessibility. To quote Justin Dart, "We need to get into politics as if our lives depend on it, because they do."

