

FCG Launches Innovative Debate Platform to Combat Civic Literacy Decline

FCG (Find Common Ground) is Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders Through the Art of Debate

CAMBRIDGE, MA, UNITED STATES, October 21, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ --FCG Inc., a tech company with a mission to nurture critical thinking skills in the public proudly announces the launch of its pioneering debate platform FCG (Find Common Ground), designed to revolutionize civic education by connecting students globally in debates. This initiative comes at a critical time, as recent NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) findings and other studies highlight a significant decline in civic knowledge among American students. FCG Inc. was founded by Vinish Aravindakshan, a tech entrepreneur and Harvard graduate.

The FCG platform is not just about



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debate; it's about creating a global community where, for example, a high school student from Dallas could find themselves debating with a peer from Mumbai, or even engaging in discussion with a Harvard debater or a Stanford professor. This unique setup aims to foster critical thinking, understanding of civic duties, and global awareness.

Recent reports, including findings from the NAEP, have highlighted a critical civic literacy crisis in America. Only 22% of eighth graders are proficient in civics, and another study shows that nearly <u>40% of adults cannot name the three branches of the U.S. government</u>. These alarming statistics reveal a significant disconnect from the foundational principles that support democratic societies, underscoring an urgent need for educational reform in civic engagement.

FCG combats this crisis by engaging students in daily debates on social and civic issues, allowing them to live out the democratic process and deepen their understanding of government structures and policies. Through an inclusive platform that transcends geographical and socio-economic barriers, FCG ensures that every student can participate in high-quality civic discourse. The goal is to build a culture where informed debate becomes routine, fostering active citizenship and enhancing civic literacy across the board.

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Vinish Aravindakshan, Founder of FCG strongly feel that FCG can play a pivotal role in reshaping public discourse to focus on positive outcomes. Its potential to provide clarity on important topics and engage the public, especially the younger generation is unparalleled."

The launch of FCG represents a beacon of hope in the face of declining civic engagement. By making debate an everyday part of education, FCG seeks to equip the next generation with the knowledge and skills to participate actively in democratic processes as well as boost academic performance. For those eager to join FCG, the company has launched an exclusive waitlist on the <u>FCG Website</u>.

About FCG:

FCG Inc. is an American technology company that is revolutionizing the world of student debate.

On the FCG platform, a high school student from Dallas might find themselves debating against another student from Mumbai, a world-class Harvard debater, or even a policymaker. The FCG platform provides a one-of-a-kind opportunity for students to go past the traditional boundaries of scholastic debate and explore the full potential of their intellectual abilities.

Harvard grad and tech entrepreneur, Vinish Aravindakshan is a debate enthusiast passionate about sports and politics. As the founder of FCG, he believes in the power of technology to foster critical thinking and broaden worldviews through promoting constructive dialogue.

To learn more: Visit the FCG Website

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