



# LESSON PLAN





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**TITLE** ARGUMENTATION IN POLARIZATION

**WORKSHOP DURATION** 2.5 HOURS

#### **PRESENTATION ABOUT ARGUMENTATION**

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## 01 ENERGIZERS

- **Pizza makers**. Stand in a circle, facing each other's backs and massaging in the following ways: start with making dough, add cheese, cut mushrooms, put pepperoni, add more cheese and put pizzas in the oven.
- 2. One body for two. People are standing in pairs (one person has right arm and leg from the mutual body and another one has left arm and leg), music is playing and there is a leading person who is showing some movements. The task of pairs is to dance together repeating movements.

### Simulation game

- 1.Background story
- 2.Role division
- 3.Explanation of the task

## 03 STORY & ROLES



#### Story

One and a half years ago, there was a gnome named Wojtas, who cruelly killed 27 elementary school students in Gorkie Welkie, Poland. He was extradited to Gnomeland (a country in the EU) by the Polish Justice Department. After long trials he was charged with the death penalty. A lot of people are still disputing about the correctness of such a decision because the death penalty is banned in the EU. We are going to observe one of the hearings at the Parliament in Gnomeland, Gnomeregan.

- Njonjo, House Leader, gives an introductory speech about why the status quo with capital punishment should stay.
- Njanja, Minister of Justice, tries to persuade that death penalty was the correct decision
- Njunju, Supreme Court Leader, the one who accepted the death penalty
- Njenje, General Prosecutor, forced the death penalty
- Njinji, Government Spokesman, talks bullshit and tries to white wash the current situation
- Pepe, Leader of Gnome vs.Death Foundation, tries to contradict the idea of the death penalty
- Pupu, rioter, tries to make government look as bad as possible
- Pipi, social activist, is against any action of the government in general
- Papa, dad of Wojtas, wants justice for the death of his son
- Popo, whistleblower, comes up with government's secrets
- Momo, leader of oppositional Gnomeland for Gnomes party, defends government on this case but agrees that death penalty should exist just for strong cases
- Meme, co-founder of GFG (Gnomeland for Gnomes) party, supports status quo of death penalty
- Mumu, a member of political party, is against death penalty at all
- Mama, spokesman of GFG (Gnomeland for Gnomes), tries to make both sides look bad
- Steve, half-gnome half-human, is patriotic and his orientation is alt right

## 04 TASK



- There are 3 groups in the game: authority group, against government group, gnomes party group
- You have 10 mins to discuss your roles and your strategies at the hearing
- Don't forget that you are different people/gnomes now so make sure you understood the role
- The question of the hearing is

## What is right to charge Wojtas with the death penalty?

Follow the discussion, try to use proper argumentation methods during it.





#### FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS

- What is it difficult to live through your role? Why?/Why not?
- Would you change anything? If yes, what exactly?