



# Writing for Change

RAISING AWARENESS OF DIFFERENCE, POWER, AND DISCRIMINATION

## 4.7 Recognizing Social Justice Issues in Your Field

### **Objectives**

Develop an understanding of social justice issues affecting various majors.

Analyze the forces behind the process of change in the majors.

### **Materials needed**

Copies of the handout

Reference materials

### **Time needed**

Thirty to sixty minutes

### **Instructor directions**

Have your students locate news pieces, newsletter articles, or journal articles relating to current affairs in their majors.

Ask them to analyze the articles for evidence of social justice issues and their effects on the people in the field. Discuss or collect individual assignments.



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### **Directions**

Locate a news piece, newsletter article, or journal article relating to current affairs in your major or field.

Answer the following questions:

What are the “hot issues” in the article?

Do they represent the issues in the major or field as a whole?

How do the issues relate to concepts of difference, power, and discrimination?

What are the characteristics of the people involved in initiating change in your discipline?

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How do their characteristics correspond with or deviate from the perceived “norm”?

How do their characteristics resemble or differ from yours?

How are you affected by the issues in your major or field? Why do you think you are affected as you are?