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ARTICLE 25, Section 1

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HealthCareforAllColorado
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Maternal deaths

- Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)
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How you would react if you were walking in the shoes of a Venezuelan?
Read the scenario written on the index card.

Select from the two options presented or create one.

Find evidence from the video that supports your stance.

Be prepared to share your ideas with your partners.
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Share

• Discuss your individual idea with your partner.

• Collectively decide on which you'll share out loud with the class.
Discussion Instructions

1. Read your index card out loud
2. Share which action your group has decided to take
3. Elaborate as to why
Imagine your mother is very ill and in dire need of heart surgery.

Her physicians inform you that they can perform the surgery, so long you provide ALL medical equipment.

After searching, you find a local store owner who is willing to give you the materials, ONLY if you traffic drugs to a neighboring city.

Keeping in mind that time is against you, would you:
A: Traffic the drugs or
B: Look for equipment elsewhere?

Why?
B.

Imagine your newborn sister has come down with the flu and your local hospital is out of medicine.

Word around town is that there is a bus heading to a nearby hospital in Colombia.

Would you
A: Encourage your mother to take your sister to a Venezuelan hospital
or
B: Take a chance and join the caravan knowing you could be arrested at the border?

Why?
C.

Imagine you are a physician and you have a diabetic patient in need of insulin.

However, your superiors instruct you to ONLY administer medications to those that are willing to vote for Nicolas Maduro in the upcoming election.

The patient is reluctant to do so, even after you discussed the deadly outcome of doing such.

Would you
A: Encourage the patient to vote for Maduro as it will save his life or
B: Go against your superiors and risk your own life to provide him and other patients lifesaving medical attention?

Why?
D.

Imagine your childhood best friend is dying from an infection obtained when you were skateboarding together.

While visiting at the hospital, you overheard that the government is holding medical supplies at the border. There are also talks about protestors organizing to storm the troops.

Will you be joining the protestors?
A: Yes
or
B: No

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