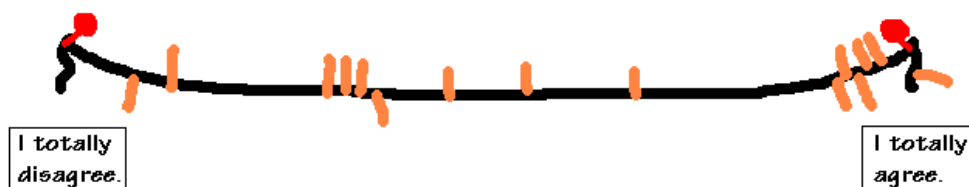


## The Opinion Continuum

"Too often we... enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought."  
~John F. Kennedy



Opinion Continuum comes from a Dr. Jim Delisle workshop from over a decade ago. This is a fantastic morning activity which engages kids in a success first thing in the morning and engages them in justifying their thinking in an informal way.

### Affectives:

- I am capable of great things.
- Making friends is easy.
- Working as a team is better than working alone.
- How you say something is as important as what you say.
- Being funny is better than being nice.
- Allowances should be regulated by the government.

### Current Events:

- Humans will walk on Mars during my lifetime. (Mars rovers)
- The United States should put a colony on the moon. (NASA press conference)
- There should be a law that says that scientists can't go back and change things that we've already learned. (Pluto demoted)
- There should be a law that says that parents and teachers have to show their report cards to kids. (report card time)

### Content Based: (examples from an Explorers study)

- There are undiscovered places left to explore on Earth.
- Exploration is worth any risk.
- Explorers are heroes.
- Most exploration is about making more money.
- Exploration of the future will be more important than those of the past.
- Without explorers, the world would be smaller.
- Today's explorers are very different from the explorers of the past.

### Thinking:

- There are unsolvable problems.
- The most important part of solving a problem is choosing the right problem to solve.
- Few problems are problems for everyone.
- All problems need to be solved.
- Solutions to problems are always good.
- There are more problems than solutions in the world.
- I am a good problem solver.

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