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## Jan. 6 Hearings Show a Democracy in Crisis. Civic Education Can Help.

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The House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, **attack** is holding its hearings while democracy is declining, both in the **United States** and **globally**. No matter how thorough the hearings may be, they can't fix the long-term **decline in civic knowledge** and **civic education** in the United States — how Americans learn about values, rights and obligations that shape how they engage with their communities and their democracy.

Both have been **declining** for decades. That hurts citizens' abilities to make informed judgments about civic life. But **research** finds evidence that some approaches to information literacy can boost civic learning.