



## **Evaluating Web Sites**

### **Directions for Small Group Activity**

You are instructors for an adult education class. Your class is working on a thematic unit on current events, and you have been giving your students an array of resources to read and explore related to the current conflict. Students in your class represent a range of political persuasions and opinions.

#### **As a group:**

1. Decide the characteristics of your class (GED, ABE or ESOL, and level).
2. Review the websites below to decide which ones you would have your students explore.
3. Prepare to report back using the questions below as a guide.

#### **Alternet**

<http://www.alternet.org/issues/index.html?IssueAreaID=25>

#### **Mother Jones**

[http://www.motherjones.com/web\\_exclusives/features/news/blast1.html](http://www.motherjones.com/web_exclusives/features/news/blast1.html)

#### **CounterPunch**

<http://www.counterpunch.org/>

#### **The Independent**

<http://www.Independent.co.uk/>

#### **Eurasianet**

<http://Eurasianet.org>

#### **Common Dreams**

<http://www.commondreams.org/>

#### **Guiding Questions**

- 1) What do you like about each site?
- 2) What do you dislike about each one?
- 3) What questions do you have about using these sites with your GED class?
- 4) Is there a particular site that you would choose to use with your class? Why?
- 5) Are there any sites that you do not use with your class? Why not?

**One person from your group should be prepared to share your group's impressions with the rest of the participants in today's session.**