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Polarization in International Politics

Curriculum integration (CI) is an educational approach that involves connecting different subject areas and disciplines in a way that promotes deeper understanding, critical thinking, and holistic learning. Rather than teaching subjects in isolation, curriculum integration seeks to create meaningful connections between various subjects, allowing students to see the interrelationships and relevance of what they are learning. Curriculum integration enhances education by fostering a more holistic, connected, and practical learning experience. It mirrors the complexities of the real world and equips students with the skills needed to thrive in an interconnected and rapidly changing society.

The theme of our Mask is Polarizations. The theme of "polarization" is highly relevant to our social lives as it reflects a growing trend in modern societies where people and communities are becoming increasingly divided along various lines such as political beliefs, socio-economic status, cultural differences, and more. This phenomenon has far-reaching implications for how we interact, communicate, and make decisions as a society.

Our Message: The theme of polarization, when applied to international politics, underscores the stark divisions and differing ideologies that characterize interactions between countries. In this context, there is a noticeable divide between Western nations and the combined influence of Russia and China. Western countries typically include nations from North America and Europe, many of which share similar democratic values, economic systems, and cultural ties. However, within this group, polarization can still occur on specific policy issues and ideological viewpoints. Despite these internal differences, Western nations often align on key global issues and priorities, such as human rights, international trade, and security cooperation. On the other side of the divide are countries like Russia and China. These countries have distinctive political systems, economic models, and historical narratives that differ from those of the Western bloc. Both Russia and China have at times expressed skepticism or opposition to Western-led initiatives and international interventions, asserting their sovereignty and pursuing their own geopolitical agendas. Our message on the theme of polarization is evident in the international political arena, particularly in the divide between Western countries and the alliance formed by Russia and China. This division influences how countries interact, make decisions, and navigate

complex global challenges, ultimately shaping the course of international relations and geopolitics.

Layout: I thought with my members about what to make the mask. The whole world is currently divided over the Russia and Ukraine wars, which perfectly coincides with our topic of polarization. So we fix our topic as polarizations in international politics. We set our sights and collect some materials to make the mask. The materials are plaster of Paris, petroleum jelly, glass, scratch paper, bucket, acrylic color, paint brush etc. We make the first layer and second layer step by step. Smooth the second layer with sandpaper. If the mask is hard enough we decide not to paint on it. As per our topic, we will draw the image of the world splitting on the mask. We use blue, white, green to color the world and maroon for the cracks to show the split. We showcased our masks in public at an art exhibition at Ulab at Shilpakala Academy. Many teachers and students of the university including the professors of media studies and journalism department of our university participated in the event. We complete our mask from start to finish with me and my team members collaborating together.



Image 3.1: Divide between Western nations and the combined influence of Russia and China

In the intricate realm of international politics, the theme of polarization stands as a defining force that shapes the contours of global dynamics. As countries align themselves along ideological fault lines and divergent interests, the resulting divisions echo far beyond diplomatic chambers. The profound impact of these polarizations is felt across the spectrum of international relations, from shaping alliances to influencing policy decisions and even determining the fate of global challenges.