

## Group Communication Topics/issues

1. **Youngstown: Ohio's penal colony?**

<http://www.forbes.com/forbes/2006/0522/195.html>

<http://businessjournaldaily.com/forbes-claims-youngstowns-prison-image-retards-growth-2006-5-11>

2. **Public Education: a Good Model for a Bygone Era?**

<http://www.commondreams.org/views05/0226-25.htm>

<http://thenewamericanacademy.org/index.php/home/our-philosophy-menu/the-prussian-industrial-model>

<http://tech.mit.edu/V130/N6/normandin.html>

3. **Who's right, Dr. Connie Hathorn or Knowledgeworks?**

<http://knowledgeworks.org>

<http://www.vindy.com/news/2012/jun/15/knowledgeworks-acknowledges-it-wont-work/>

4. **Mahoning Valley: If We're So Good, Why Are Young People Leaving?**

<http://www.gangresearch.net/Archives/hagedorn/rustbelt.html>

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2012/12/03/american-cities-to-millennials-dont-leave-us/1744357/>

5. **Should we close the Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport?**

<http://www.yngairport.com/About/park.html>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rickenbacker\\_International\\_Airport](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rickenbacker_International_Airport)

6. **Has traditional commercial broadcasting jumped the shark?**

<http://www.spiritus-temporis.com/commercial-broadcasting/>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Post-network\\_era](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Post-network_era)

7. **Why aren't we on the "America's Most Livable Cities" list?**

<http://www.forbes.com/2010/04/29/cities-livable-pittsburgh-lifestyle-real-estate-top-ten-jobs-crime-income.html>

8. **Will the Smoky Hollow Neighborhood Redevelopment vision materialize?**

<http://wickneighbors.org/redevPlan.shtml>

9. **Is the Mahoning Valley sufficiently gay-friendly?**

<http://www.washingtonmonthly.com/features/2001/0205.florida.html>

10. **Can the worldwide energy shortage, and its economic impact on Americans, be solved?**  
<http://www.businessandmedia.org/articles/2009/20090725011456.aspx>  
<http://www.chrismartenson.com/> (Click to watch "Crash Course")
11. **Should the Youngstown City Schools be divided up among contiguous school districts, or, perhaps, consolidated in some way with contiguous districts ?**  
[http://www.psba.org/issues-advocacy/issues-research/school-mergers/mergers\\_PEL-c\\_hecklist.pdf](http://www.psba.org/issues-advocacy/issues-research/school-mergers/mergers_PEL-c_hecklist.pdf)
12. **Will the The Hollywood Slots at the Mahoning Valley Race Course amount to a wolf in sheep's clothing?**  
[http://www.fastfacility.com/fact\\_sheet.asp?15955](http://www.fastfacility.com/fact_sheet.asp?15955)  
<http://www.vindy.com/news/2011/jun/18/kasich-gets-deal-with-penn-nationalsflb/?mobile>
13. **Is the fracking boom a wolf in sheep's clothing?**  
<http://muse.jhu.edu/books/9780801897801>
14. **Should all school busses be equipped with seatbelts, and should their use be required?**  
<http://www.safeguard4kids.com/index.htm>
15. **What's wrong with Ohio's fireworks laws?**  
[http://www.americanpyro.com/assets/docs/State\\_Laws/oh13.pdf](http://www.americanpyro.com/assets/docs/State_Laws/oh13.pdf)
16. **Should hitchhiking be permitted, regulated or banned?**  
[http://hitchwiki.org/en/United\\_States\\_of\\_America](http://hitchwiki.org/en/United_States_of_America)
17. **Should cell phone towers, thought by many to represent visual pollution, be more aggressively regulated in Mahoning County?**  
[http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=1463592](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1463592)

