

by Sveta Stoytcheva 3 years ago

# #critlib: critical information literacy and the 'left'


Tweets from the #critlib twitter chat on October 21, 2014. Read more about #critlib here:  
<http://tinyurl.com/critlibx>.

This Storify is from October 21st, 2014's [#critlib](#) chat on critical information literacy and left politics, moderated by [@JessicaCritten](#). She writes:

"For the purposes of this discussion, we are understanding "politics" to refer to a system of governance, and political ideologies (Democrats! Republicans! Bull Moose!) Here's also an optional reading to help contextualize this conversation a little:


[Bialystok, L. \(2014\). Politics Without 'Brainwashing': A Philosophical Defence of Social Justice Education. Curriculum Inquiry, 44\(3\), 413-440."](#)


I tried to match everyone's [@replies](#) with the tweet it was responding to. Hopefully, most things ended up in the right place. I'm sure some did not. Plus, some things without the [#critlib](#) hashtag are missing.



**Jessica Critten**  
@JessicaCritten


Hi there, [#critlib](#)! Tonight we'll be exploring critical info lit and the 'left'


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**Jessica Critten**  
@JessicaCritten


You'll find the [#critlib](#) cheatsheet with tonight's questions here: [tinyurl.com/critlibx](http://tinyurl.com/critlibx)


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**Jessica Critten**  
@JessicaCritten


Make sure you add [#critlib](#) to your tweets so you'll be heard by everyone in the conversation!

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**Jessica Critten**  
@JessicaCritten

First thing's first: Introductions! I'm Jessica, an instruction librarian in GA, and I'm excited to be moderating [#critlib](#) tonight!

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**Lisa Lepore**

lisaflepore@lisaflepore

hi! I'm lisa, librarian at a small university in los angeles [#critlib](#)



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**Kelly McEeeeeeeee!**

kellymce@kellymce

Howdy, [#critlib](#)! I'm Kelly, outreach librarian in Oregon, and multitasking by making biscuits for dinner.



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**karen nicholson**

nicholsonk@nicholsonkp

Hi all, Karen, IL librarian from ON. mostly lurking and listening tonight [#critlib](#)



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**Gina Schlesselman-Ta**

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Hi [#critlib](#), Gina at Cal State San Bernardino. Got the [#thesmiths](#) playing in the background.



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**Kevin Seeber**

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Hey team! I'm Kevin, academic instruction librarian in Southern Colorado. [#critlib](#)



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**Sveta Stoytcheva**

@oksveta

hello! mlis student & ga in IL. mostly listening in tonight! [#critlib](#)



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**Holly Croft**

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Hi, all, Holly from NC. Mostly lurking, because I'm writing a paper. Fun, no? [#critlib](#)




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**Stephanie Sendaula**

@sendaulas

@HollyCroft Don't worry. I'm mostly lurking too. This seems like an interesting topic. #critlib


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**Ryan Randall**

foureyedsofoureyedsoul

Hi #critlib! I'm Ryan, MLS student at IU-B.

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**Dave Ellenwood**

@PeaBriddy

I'm Dave. Librarian @ UW Bothell. Riding the bus so I have limited ability to participate.

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**Christina Bell**

librarybelllibrarybell

Hi #critlib - I'm Christina, academic ref/ instruction librarian at an LAC in Maine, and on the #refdesk tonight

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**Mega-Wicked Watson**

meganj@casoanjanjwatson

I made it! Megan, academic librarian in the Seattle vicinity #critlib

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**Ian Beilin**

@ibeilin

Hi - I'm Ian - inst. librarian in NYC #critlib

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Q1: Where do you locate the work of #critlib on the political spectrum?



**Jessica Critten**  
@JessicaCritten

Feel free to keep introducing as we jump in to our first question! Q1: Where do you locate the work of [#critlib](#) on the political spectrum?

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**Sveta Stoytcheva**  
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a1 def 'left of center' but also running counter to neoliberal strands in democratic party narratives. social justice oriented [#critlib](#)

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**karen nicholson**  
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Q1: I have to say left [#critlib](#)

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**Jessica Critten**  
@JessicaCritten

I feel like [#critlib](#) is fundamentally progressive, given its social justice goals

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**karen nicholson**  
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.@JessicaCritten agreed. and I think that's important difference bet [#IL](#) and [#critlib](#)

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**Dave Ellenwood**  
@PeaBriddy

a1: progressive, left, anti-oppression [#critlib](#)

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**Kelly McEeeeeeeee!**  
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Q1: Can I just say "not right"? [#critlib](#)

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**karen nicholson**

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[@kellymce](#) curious about the distinction... can you say more? [#critlib](#)



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**Kelly McEeeeeeeee!**

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[@nicholsonk](#) Sure -- I guess, I'm hesitant to say "left" or "liberal" because those labels can lead to unearned backpatting. [#critlib](#)



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**Kelly McEeeeeeeee!**

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[@nicholsonk](#) Like, "but I'm a liberal!" kinds of things. But I do feel confident that [#critlib](#) is far from the conservative right.



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**Kevin Seeber**

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[@kellymce](#) Agreed. Not big on labels for what we are/do, but I think we share a common view. [#critlib](#)



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**Kevin Seeber**

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[@kellymce](#) Unintentional rhyme scheme in that answer. [#critlib](#)



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**Emily Drabinski**

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@edrabinski

[@kevinseeber](#) [@kellymce](#) I guess I wonder how much we really have in common. 140 chars prob not enuf to find out! [#critlib](#)



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@kevinseeber What's the common view, would you say? #critlib



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**Gina Schlesselman-Ta**

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but not anarchist b/c working within institutions, yes? #critlib



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**Mega-Wicked Watson**

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Q1: Deep in my leftist, liberal heart :) #critlib



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**Ryan Randall**

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"Progressive" sounds fitting for #critlib. It's not far-left/radical, but definitely critiques status quo from anti-oppressive side



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**Andrew Asher**

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@foureyedsoul I agree that progressive seems correct-- flavors vary #critlib



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**Lisa Lepore**

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Q1 Because #critlib asks us to toss aside assumptions and look from multiple perspectives at what has been the normal, it would put us left.



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**Kevin Seeber**

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#critlib A1- We're def not "conservative" in that we're advocating for change and progress.



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**Jessica Critten**

@JessicaCritten

Terminology is an loaded thing here, though--there are distinctions b/t 'progressive'/'left'/'liberal' [#critlib](#)

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**Christina Bell**

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A1 I would also place [#critlib](#) in a progressive, anti- neoliberal category. This looks left to those right, but is not entirely left-defined

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**Christina Bell**

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I think left/ right is too binary here- [#critlib](#) is critical of both, but looks more left with is progressiveness

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**Dave Ellenwood**

@PeaBriddy

a1 the politics of this group do seem left, but I wonder if some folks agree with [#critlib](#) but don't associate w left?

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**Kevin Seeber**

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[@JessicaCritten](#) [@PeaBriddy](#) I have the same curiosity about Academe at large. [#critlib](#)

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**Jaime, a librarian**

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.[@PeaBriddy](#) There are existing political paradigms that think that way -- some (A)s don't consider themselves left. [#critlib](#)

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**Jaime, a librarian**

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.@PeaBriddy ....but thats probaly not what you were thinking of. #critlib



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**Dave Ellenwood**

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@rowmyboat That was in part what I was thinking. (A)s are likely in that scenario #critlib



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**Ian Beilin**

@ibeilin

I think that aspects of #critlib are amenable to other ideologies, particularly libertarianism



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Libertarians are against surveillance, for example #critlib



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**Ian Beilin**

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Even though libertarians (sp?) are not interested in sj #critlib



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**Ryan Randall**

foureyedsoul

@PeaBriddy @ibeilin It's a weird word. Paulo Freire uses it as ~ equiv. to "liberationist" in 1960s texts. Reads very different #critlib



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**Ian Beilin**

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@foureyedsoul @PeaBriddy I think brother Cornel was being a little tongue-and-cheek? #critlib



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**Ian Beilin**  
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I meant tongue-in-cheek (long day!) #critlib

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**Ryan Randall**  
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@ibeilin @PeaBriddy Does sound like a great use of signifyin'. But Freire discusses liberation theology & I think Cornel too...? #critlib

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**Lisa Lepore**  
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A1 But the left of course often fails to be critical, internal and external overlooking and/or assuming no bias #critlib

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**Jessica Critten**  
@JessicaCritten

@lisaflepore Is that a criticism of any political ideology? #critlib

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**Josie M.**  
@papertronica

Q1 I'm usually skeptical of "movement politics" on any side. I think "not conservative but spanning a spectrum from there" is right #critlib

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**Jaime, a librarian**  
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.@aasher @edrabinski Only if we think every other axis of oppression is reducible to economic. #critlib

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**Andrew Asher**

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@rowmyboat @edrabinski Maybe about power then, rather than economics #critlib



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**Emily Drabinski**

@edrabinski

@rowmyboat @aasher I think a class analysis is usually missing. #critlib



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**Andrew Asher**

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@edrabinski @rowmyboat As it often is here in the states #critlib



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**Jaime, a librarian**

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.@edrabinski @aasher that's just the American way! #critlib



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**Bibliautopsy**

@Bibliocracy

@edrabinski Class / socioeconomic analysis is something librarians are incredibly uncomfortable with. @rowmyboat @aasher #critlib



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**Bibliautopsy**

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@edrabinski Examining privilege & entrenched bias in some areas is acceptable, in others shied away from. @rowmyboat @aasher #critlib



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**Bibliautopsy**

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@JessicaCritten @edrabinski @rowmyboat @aasher Both, I think. Socioeconomic privilege is very uncomfortable ground. #critlib



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**Emily Drabinski**

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[@JessicaCritten](#) [@Bibliocracy](#) [@rowmyboat](#) [@aasher](#) I think it's legit hard to understand how power operates. [#critlib](#)



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**Andrew Asher**

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[@JessicaCritten](#) [@Bibliocracy](#) [@edrabinski](#) [@rowmyboat](#) Challenging the fundamental assumptions of capitalism is still often frowned on [#critlib](#)



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**Bibliautopsy**

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[@JessicaCritten](#) [@edrabinski](#) [@rowmyboat](#) [@aasher](#) It's certainly easier & safer to approach, say, precarity from some other framework. [#critlib](#)



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**Jaime, a librarian**

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[@aasher](#) [@JessicaCritten](#) [@Bibliocracy](#) [@edrabinski](#) Yup. It's our national mythology. [#critlib](#)



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**Jaime, a librarian**

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[@edrabinski](#) [@JessicaCritten](#) [@Bibliocracy](#) [@aasher](#) And those without it really don't like to think about how they don't have it. [#critlib](#)



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**Bibliautopsy**

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[@JessicaCritten](#) [@edrabinski](#) [@rowmyboat](#) [@aasher](#) It's something I value. There's a certain element of "world we have" to discourse. [#critlib](#)



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@JessicaCritten @edrabinski @rowmyboat @aasher You often see "progressive" LIS mvmts largely unconcerned w/ industry, vendors &c #critlib



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**Andrew Asher**

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@Bibliocracy @JessicaCritten @edrabinski @rowmyboat The notion of meritocracy is also woven into the univ as we know have it #critlib



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**Andrew Asher**

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@Bibliocracy @JessicaCritten @edrabinski @rowmyboat Agreed, this is smth much more attention should be given to #critlib



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**Jaime, a librarian**

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.@aasher @Bibliocracy @JessicaCritten @edrabinski And that's not strictly a \$\$ thing. It's race, gender, health/(dis)ability, etc. #critlib



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@aasher @JessicaCritten @edrabinski @rowmyboat Yes; my concern is that we may be losing structural battles against oppression [+] #critlib



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@aasher @JessicaCritten @edrabinski @rowmyboat Even as we approach "structure" from below by confronting aspects of it [+] #critlib



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@aasher @JessicaCritten @edrabinski @rowmyboat But it's v. easy to ignore behemoths in which we're all to some degree complicit [-] #critlib



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**Jaime, a librarian**

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.@Bibliocracy @aasher @JessicaCritten @edrabinski Right? As w any aspect of capitalism, v hard to operate outside of it. #critlib



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**Emily Drabinski**

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@rowmyboat @Bibliocracy @aasher @JessicaCritten Impossible to operate outside it, I think. We are all in here! #critlib



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**Bibliautopsy**

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@rowmyboat @aasher @JessicaCritten @edrabinski Also there's a natural desire for success in advocacy efforts. More fulfilling.. [+] #critlib



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@rowmyboat @aasher @JessicaCritten @edrabinski ..to tackle things where you can have impact than confront cap. - "breaks the world" #critlib



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**Ryan Randall**

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@edrabinski @JessicaCritten @Bibliocracy @rowmyboat @aasher Thinking power's v. hard! Have to "distort" grammar for some genders. #critlib



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**Kathleen DeLaurenti**

@delaubrarian

@rowmyboat @Bibliocracy @aasher @JessicaCritten @edrabinski also, maybe we have more power to make change in classrooms? #critlib



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**Kathleen DeLaurenti**

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@JessicaCritten @rowmyboat @Bibliocracy @aasher @edrabinski guess i'm thinking i can manage my classes; harder to fix vendor issues #critlib



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**Andrew Asher**

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@JessicaCritten @delaubrarian @rowmyboat @Bibliocracy @edrabinski yes, one shots are terrible IMO #critlib



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**Bibliautopsy**

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@delaubrarian @JessicaCritten @rowmyboat @aasher @edrabinski ...they approach w/your / users' best interests at heart wd be a start #critlib



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@delaubrarian @JessicaCritten @rowmyboat @aasher @edrabinski I mean this is #critlib but I see a huge amount of taking for granted w/vendors



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**Andrew Asher**  
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@delaubrarian @JessicaCritten I don't teach a lot, but I see critical analysis of the libr as inst a key part of assessment work #critlib

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**Kathleen DeLaurenti**  
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@Bibliocracy @JessicaCritten @rowmyboat @aasher @edrabinski definitely! still get wide eyes hearing google saves their searhces #critlib

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**Bibliautopsy**  
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@flexlibris @delaubrarian @JessicaCritten @rowmyboat @aasher @edrabinski Totally, & this is often tinged w/ hint of desperation #critlib

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**Andrew Asher**  
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@flexlibris @Bibliocracy @delaubrarian @JessicaCritten @rowmyboat @edrabinski need to step up and say no,preferably collectively #critlib

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**Kathleen DeLaurenti**  
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@flexlibris @Bibliocracy @JessicaCritten @rowmyboat @aasher @edrabinski libs priv myth of access over mission #critlib

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**Emily Drabinski**

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@flexlibris @Bibliocracy @delaubrarian @JessicaCritten @rowmyboat @aasher Vendors are in the ecosystem, teaching their role seems #critlib



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**Kathleen DeLaurenti**

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@aasher @flexlibris @Bibliocracy @JessicaCritten @rowmyboat @edrabinski interesting perspectives on anti-trust involved there #critlib



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**Bibliautopsy**

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@flexlibris @delaubrarian @JessicaCritten @rowmyboat @aasher @edrabinski "Don't tear down vendors, is what it is! Think of users!" #critlib



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**Jessica Critten**

@JessicaCritten

@Bibliocracy @delaubrarian @rowmyboat @aasher @edrabinski sounds like a future #critlib topic to me!



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**Emily Drabinski**

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@Bibliocracy @flexlibris @delaubrarian @JessicaCritten @rowmyboat @aasher Political Econ of info production & dissemination. #critlib



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**Emily Drabinski**

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@Bibliocracy @flexlibris @delaubrarian @JessicaCritten @rowmyboat @aasher That should be at the heart of what we teach. #critlib



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Q2: Do you acknowledge the political leanings of [#critlib](#) in the classroom? Why/why not?





**Jessica Critten**  
@JessicaCritten

Q2: Do you acknowledge the political leanings--however you define them--of #critlib in the classroom? Why/why not?



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**Gina Schlesselman-Ta**  
ginaschless

For me, #critlib is pedagogical approach as much as content covered



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**Lisa Lepore**  
lisaflepore

Q2 Yes critical leanings, try to do it by exposing the ways in which I struggle to be conscious to not shame or alienate students #critlib



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**Jessica Critten**  
@JessicaCritten

For those of you who are upfront that the work you are doing is left/progressive/etc, how do you introduce this in this classroom? #critlib



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**Joel Burkholder**  
FromtheShelves

@nicholsonkp @JessicaCritten @kellymce Aim is to create informed citizens. Rather they change minds honestly, then force politics #critlib



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**karen nicholson**  
nicholsonkp

@FromtheShelves @JessicaCritten @kellymce agreed. was part of the point of tonight's reading (the bit that I read!) #critlib



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**Joel Burkholder**

From the shelves  
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@JessicaCritten @nicholsonkp @kellymce I have...with varying degrees of success. #critlib

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**Dave Ellenwood**

@PeaBriddy

a2 I try to balance making my political perspectives known and not being heavy handed. #critlib

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**karen nicholson**

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.@ibeilin still waiting for you to publish your opening remarks from #lacuny14 which addressed political R and #critlib!

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**Ian Beilin**

@ibeilin

@nicholsonkp Hmm. I never considered that as a possibility. Does one publish such things? #critlib

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**karen nicholson**

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nicholsonkp

@ibeilin op-ed, perhaps for special issue of journal on topic? blog? proceedings? or develop into article! you had great stuff #critlib

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**Ian Beilin**

@ibeilin

@nicholsonkp Thanks for the encouragement - I shall do so! Any takers out there? #critlib

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**Jaime, a librarian**

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.@JessicaCritten It really depends on the kind of classroom. I do a lot of informal teaching & then lay it right out. #critlib



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**Dave Ellenwood**

@PeaBriddy

a2I Students need to know that we have their/our liberation in mind. Changes the whole dynamic #critlib



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**Mega-Wicked Watson**

meganjwatsan

@JessicaCritten Def as part of eval, which I frame as a set of ?s we ask the text. I'll then ask, "are we privileging certain ?s" #critlib



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**Lisa Lepore**

lisaflepore

@JessicaCritten When I talk databases, I always talk about how wrong it is that knowledge is privatized. #critlib



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**Lisa Lepore**

lisaflepore

@JessicaCritten I also ask them who isn't here? Whose voices aren't showing up in EBSCO? Why not? How do you find those voices? #critlib



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**Ryan Randall**

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A2 If admit to political leanings in class, I avoid easily-misconstrued terms in favor of describing principles. #critlib



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**Kelly McEeeeeeeee!**

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A2: Rarely overtly -- it is, uh, never a stated learning outcome. Which is an interesting idea, thought. [#critlib](#)



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**Kevin Seeber**

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[#critlib](#) A2- I'm more likely to acknowledge politics in small groups, where convo is more meaningful, than class with 25 people.



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**Josie M.**

@papertronica

Q2 I've not really worked in a classroom context, but at my former (teen public lib) job I wasn't shy about being an advocate. [#critlib](#)



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Q3 How do you strike a balance b/t serving the social justice goals of [#critlib](#) and respecting the political ideologies of your students?



**Jessica Critten**

@JessicaCritten

Q3: How do you strike a balance b/t serving the social justice goals of [#critlib](#) and respecting the political ideologies of your students?



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**Gina Schlesselman-Ta**

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A3: Posing questions > lecture [#critlib](#)



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**Andrew Asher**

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I think students' ideologies should be challenged--as a part of their education [#critlib](#)



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Q3: This is where the bit about "neutrality" and "both sides of an issue" comes out. [#critlib](#)



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**Jaime, a librarian**

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A3: Keeping an eye to the power balances. Who's got power & how in that pedagogical situation. [#critlib](#)



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**Lisa Lepore**

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Q3: Ask students to consider what it is to be invisible. Ralph Ellison's eternal question. How does it show up in the classroom? [#critlib](#)



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**Kevin Seeber**

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[#critlib](#) A3- I like to ask students open-ended SJ questions and let their views speak for themselves. And try to give all chance to speak up



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**Mega-Wicked Watson**

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[@kevinseeber](#) I sometimes have issues doing this well; the students who speak up are often the ones wielding privilege unawares [#critlib](#)



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**Mega-Wicked Watson**

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[@kevinseeber](#) while many in the room may be marginalized/afraid to share. I'm trying to learn how to facilitate that better [#critlib](#)



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**Kevin Seeber**

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[@meganjwatson](#) Yeah. Needs work to create atmosphere where all feel welcome. Often worth (politely) singling out quiet students. [#critlib](#)



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**Mega-Wicked Watson**

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[@kevinseeber](#) which I find somewhat terrifying as a former quiet student myself :) [#critlib](#)



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**Kevin Seeber**

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[@meganjwatson](#) Heard. It's a fine line between engaging and mocking. [#critlib](#)



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**Kelly McEeeeeeeee!**

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[@meganjwatson](#) [@kevinseeber](#) Having smaller groups, or written assignments can help -- in front of The Whole Class can be hard! [#critlib](#)



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**Kevin Seeber**

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[@JessicaCritten](#) [@meganjwatson](#) I've found it helpful to expose my own vulnerabilities. Try to remove facade of my authority. [#critlib](#)



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**Jessica Critten**

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[@kevinseeber](#) [@meganjwatson](#) I think that's at the heart of the lot of the work of critical pedagogy, and [#critlib](#) I do the same thing



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**Kelly McEeeeeeeee!**

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@meganjwatson @kevinseeber Yes -- alternative ways to do this are, imho, tres #critlib



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**karen nicholson**

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@JessicaCritten @meganjwatson @kevinseeber great critique of critical pedagogy on these grounds by feminists Luke and Gore 1994 #critlib



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**Ian Beilin**

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@Bibliocracy Yes, 'progressives' are often still capitalists, only they're for a 'capitalism with a human face.' #critlib



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**Ryan Randall**

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It is open access week, so that's definitely a relevant Q. I'm not sure if that's #critlib intent, but possibly that's the effect. @aasher



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**Andrew Asher**

aasher @aasher

@foureyedsoul I read Freire as starting from a Marxist approach, so for me it seems a core issue #critlib



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**Jessica Critten**

@JessicaCritten

Try to mediate it as much as I can, but I always have the fear that stud. will shut down when forced to confront a faulty ideology #critlib



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**Joel Burkholder**

From the shelves  
@FromTheShelves

A3: I used an identity assignment, asking them to define their personal contexts. I then asked how that shaped und of the world. #critlib +



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**Joel Burkholder**

From the shelves  
@FromTheShelves

+A3: It respected their worldview, but illustrated role of personal bias in info seeking process. #critlib



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**Kelly McEeeeeeee!**

kellymce@kellymce

A3 seems to be about the questions you ask. And, preventing the devolution into an opinion-based battle. #critlib



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**Ryan Randall**

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A3 Guess I basically aim to have all in class question their thoughts equally, all have supporting reasons, hope all change a bit #critlib



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**Ian Beilin**

@ibeilin

A3: I encourage students to express their views by expressing my own. That's risky, but I don't see what the alternative is. #critlib



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**karen nicholson**

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@ibeilin curious about in what context: one-shot would seem difficult #critlib



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**Ian Beilin**  
@ibeilin

A3: [#critlib](#) is also about learning from students, and from that perspective I want them to have different views than me.

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Q4: Are you upfront about your personal political beliefs in your classroom? Why/why not? [#critlib](#)



**Jessica Critten**  
@JessicaCritten

Thanks for the transition, [@ibeilin](#)! Q4: Are you upfront about your personal political beliefs in your classroom? Why/why not? [#critlib](#)

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**Jaime, a librarian**  
rowmyboat@wmyboat

Librarian types, if you're not in on the [#critlib](#) chat tonight, you're really missing out.

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**Josie M.**  
@papertronica

This might be kind of wishy-washy to some of you, but I really think empathy needs to be at the core of what we do. [#critlib](#)

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**karen nicholson**  
nicholsonk@nicholsonkp

[@papertronica](#) [@kellymce](#) very good point. think empathy and self-reflection key to critical stance [#critlib](#)

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**Gina Schlesselman-Ta**  
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A4: I don't make it explicit, let what we do and what we cover speak for my position [#critlib](#)

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**Dave Ellenwood**

@PeaBriddy

[@ginaschless](#) Yes! inquiry bases as opposed to claiming to have the correct political perspective  
[#critlib](#)



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**Ian Beilin**

@ibeilin

I like having conservative students, but where I'm at they're always in the minority. Don't know what I'd do if it was the opp. [#critlib](#)



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**Lisa Lepore**

[lisaflepore](#) [@lisaflepore](#)

[@ibeilin](#) Same here. Would be a challenge. [#critlib](#)



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**Bibliautopsy**

@Bibliocracy

Damn, [#critlib](#) is hard to keep up with, but makes me feel SO much better about being a library worker. Hope others also take heart from it.



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**Jaime, a librarian**

[rowmyboat](#) [@rowmyboat](#)

A4: If it's pertinent (often is, shrug). Not like I can hide it. It's important to show others those political positions are real. [#critlib](#)



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**Jaime, a librarian**

[rowmyboat](#) [@rowmyboat](#)

A4: In a kind of casual, Utah Phillips kind of way, "Now I'm an anarchists, so..." Like it's completely normal. [#critlib](#)



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**Jaime, a librarian**

rowmyboat@rowmyboat

A4: And it's not like I wasn't saying some far out stuff before I put a label on it! #critlib



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**Jaime, a librarian**

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A4: But that's a luxury I have, due to the kind of work I've been doing recently. Not all get that option, I know. #critlib



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**Kelly McEeeeeeeee!**

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A4: I think many bits of how I present myself hint at my political leanings. Does that mean I'm "upfront"? #critlib



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**Kelly McEeeeeeeee!**

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A4: I never say "dudes, I believe X." But I'm thinking about how the traces manifest. I'm curious to ask some of my students. #critlib



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**karen nicholson**

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@kellymce maybe you don't need to be...? think imp to consider what would be gained and lost in the classroom #critlib



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**Josie M.**

@papertronica

@kellymce I feel like I have to moderate my own self-presentation very closely. But some things you care about because you have to. #critlib



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**Kelly McEeeeeeeee!**

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A4: Also, obviously, context is everything. Duh, but, yeah. [#critlib](#)



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**Kevin Seeber**

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[#critlib](#) A4- I wonder if demographics of students influence comfort of ideological disclosure? I do more with older students than teens.



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**Joel Burkholder**

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[@kevinseeber](#) Speaking from personal experience, yes. [#critlib](#)



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**Kevin Seeber**

kevinseeber@kevinseeber

[@FromtheShelves](#) Yeah, me too. I have a blast teaching night classes w/ people coming back to school. Very open w/ each other. [#critlib](#)



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**chrsm**

chrsm @chrsm

[#critlib](#) A4: when it's pertinent. as a student, however, i don't always feel as though in a safe space despite attestations to the contrary



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**karen nicholson**

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[@chrsm](#) [@JessicaCritten](#) not to mention the workplace! [#critlib](#)



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**Ian Beilin**  
@ibeilin

Q4: In one-shots, the views of the other professor are also a factor in some cases. That can go both ways. [#critlib](#)

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**Christina Bell**  
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A4 When I am upfront about myself, it is 2b affirming for students. I'm not trying to change them, but open new lines of thinking [#critlib](#)

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**Lisa Lepore**  
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A4 I talk about the radical idea of right of first sale and what it means that digital books are restricted. Speaks for itself. [#critlib](#)

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**Ryan Randall**  
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A4 Possibly bc I'm male, find it easy to say I'm feminist in class—starts conversation. But economic stances feel different. [#critlib](#)

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**Kelly McEeeeeeee!**  
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[@foureyedsoul](#) Or some heady combination! Interesting, though. How do students react?  
[#critlib](#)

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**Ryan Randall**  
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[@kellymce](#) Varies from straight guys being !SHOCKED! to women or queer folk smiling for 1st time in term. Yet to have hostility. [#critlib](#)

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Q5: What place, if any, does politics have in information literacy curriculum? [#critlib](#)



**Jessica Critten**  
@JessicaCritten


Alright, folks, last question (it's a broad one!) Q5: What place, if any, does politics have in information literacy curriculum? #critlib

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**Ian Beilin**  
@ibeilin

Q5: This is #critlib: all curriculum is political, esp. info lit.

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**Kevin Seeber**  
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#critlib A5- Absolutely need to convey that information is in itself political. Creation, dissemination, evaluation, all of it.

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**chrsm**  
chrsm @chrsm

@kevinseeber alas, a stance not at all fostered in most of my classes #critlib A5

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**Mega-Wicked Watson**  
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Q5: I think politics are there, whether we choose to acknowledge them. I tend to engage w/them bc, tbh, I'm more engaged that way #critlib

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**karen nicholson**  
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Q5: must be addressed. in current context, information is all about political economy, social justice #critlib

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**Ian Beilin**  
@ibeilin

[@nicholsonkp](#) Or, put another way, today information is all about oppression and injustice  
[#critlib](#)



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**karen nicholson**  
nicholsonkp

[@ibeilin](#) touché! [#critlib](#)



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**Kathleen DeLaurenti**  
@delaubrarian

about to totally geek out on [#copyright](#) implications of [#critlib](#) - like peanut butter and chocolate!



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**Jessica Critten**  
@JessicaCritten

Is it in our wheelhouse as librarians to challenge students to be critical of their political ideologies? [#critlib](#)



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**Jessica Critten**  
@JessicaCritten

...I ask, after conversations with people who wonder to the extent that politics is my 'territory'  
[#critlib](#)



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**karen nicholson**  
nicholsonkp

[@JessicaCritten](#) at least in a narrow sense, rel. to information. in a broader sense, as (critical) educators [#critlib](#)



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**Kelly McEeeeeeeee!**

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[@JessicaCritten](#) Sometimes, we have an easier time because we generally \*aren't\* giving students a grade. [#critlib](#)



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**Kelly McEeeeeeeee!**

kellymce@kellymce

[@JessicaCritten](#) Who is the they? Students? I find that not being the evaluator often helps me build rapport with students. [#critlib](#)



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**Emily Drabinski**



@edrabinski

Q5 I think my politics are clear from readings I assign, meltdowns I have in class. Hard to hide! [#critlib](#)



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**Kelly McEeeeeeeee!**

kellymce@kellymce

[@edrabinski](#) Yeah! I guess I'm struggling with the personal-as-political -- how could I be an authentic teacher while hiding this? [#critlib](#)



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**Emily Drabinski**



@edrabinski

[@kellymce](#) Tough in context of LIS class I'm teaching. Feel more like I should mask my politics, give everybody room in the class. [#critlib](#)



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**Ryan Randall**

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[@papertronica](#) [@kellymce](#) [@edrabinski](#) Affect def. has place in class, demonstrates These Things Matter & worth thinking abt deeply [#critlib](#)



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**Ryan Randall**

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@papertronica @kellymce @edrabinski But it's also super hard to do in a way that promotes participation for all. #critlib



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**Kelly McEeeeeeeee!**

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Q5: I mean, politics is an area where we hope citizens use their #infolit. #critlib



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**Joel Burkholder**

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@kellymce @JessicaCritten Again, I think it's a good idea for them to question any ideology. It's not just political. #critlib



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**Joel Burkholder**

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@JessicaCritten @kellymce For sure. But for me dogma & the status quo-in any form-are the prob. #critlib



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**karen nicholson**

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@kellymce true. but have read critiques of that premise b/c doesn't address inequality in access to info #critlib



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**Kelly McEeeeeeeee!**

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@nicholsonkp ooooh, any good citations to share? #critlib



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**karen nicholson**

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[@kellymce](#) O'Connor 2009, and Pawley (date?) on LIS curriculum come to mind [#critlib](#)



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**karen nicholson**

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[@kellymce](#) O'Connor is on [#IL](#) as professional legitimation . so good. [#critlib](#)



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**Kevin Seeber**

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Thinking about that session at LIWest talking about "motivated reasoning," and how giving ppl "good info" won't change politics. [#critlib](#)



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**Lisa Lepore**

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Q5 The curriculum is political. Every choice we make. [#critlib](#)



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**Mega-Wicked Watson**

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[@JessicaCritten](#) We can ask challenging/thoughtful ?s & plant the seed. I try to remember when working w/18 yo it can take time [#critlib](#)



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**Ryan Randall**

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[@meganjwatson](#) [@JessicaCritten](#) My demeanor as a librarian is very "guide on the side", sort of Freirean. [#critlib](#)



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**Ryan Randall**

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@meganjwatson @JessicaCritten Feels like students will take me as seriously I'm willing to take them, i.e. being myself. #critlib



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**Josie M.**

@papertronica

A5 I actually think on the backend - infolit should help people to formulate & understand politics rather than determining it #critlib



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**Emily Drabinski**



@edrabinski

Dunno how we could teach knowledge organization structures and not upend some ideology! Or at least expose that they're operating. #critlib



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**Kelly McEeeeeeee!**

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A5: It also just seems valuable to acknowledge that stuff gets political. Information, school, all kinds of stuff. #critlib



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**Ian Beilin**

@ibeilin

@kellymce Yes, and most of the students I encounter are keenly aware of the politics of these things. #critlib



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**Lisa Lepore**

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Q5 What is our choice of pedagogy and what it assumes about our students? How does it inform our interpretations/teaching infolit? #critlib



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[#critlib](#) pitches!



**Jessica Critten**  
@JessicaCritten


Oh, folks, I can't believe we are coming to the end of #critlib! Went by so fast! Let's all toss in our lib pitches!

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**Kevin Seeber**  
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Somebody mod a session about dealing w/ vendors! #critlib

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**Jessica Critten**  
@JessicaCritten

I'm pitching (gently!) a big thank you to @oksveta for being gracious enough to storify the chat tonight! Thank you! #critlib

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**Kelly McEeeeeeeee!**  
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My #critlib pitch is for all y'all MLIS students and profs -- the Braverman Award call is up: [progressivelibrariansguild.org/content/award...](http://progressivelibrariansguild.org/content/award...)

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**Kelly McEeeeeeeee!**  
kellymce@kellymce

Maybe all y'all should write papers about politics and #infolit, or capitalism and the information economy: [progressivelibrariansguild.org/content/award...](http://progressivelibrariansguild.org/content/award...) #critlib

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**Kelly McEeeeeeeee!**  
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As always, if you're interested in tossing out a topic for (+/or moderating) a future #critlib, fill out this form: [tinyurl.com/critlibmod](http://tinyurl.com/critlibmod)

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**chrsm**  
chrsm @chrsm

stoked that tonight's [#critlib](#) on info lit ties directly w/ class discussion on thurs, & yet, prepared to be disappointed.



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**Emily Drabinski**  
@edrabinski

[#gsisc14](#) is over, so nothing to [#critlib](#) pitch!



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**Emily Drabinski**  
@edrabinski

Wait! [#critlib](#) pitch! Write a book! [litwinbooks.com/series-gender...](http://litwinbooks.com/series-gender...)



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**Jessica Critten**  
@JessicaCritten

Also, before I wrap up I also have to pitch the next [#critlib](#), hosted by the brilliant [@kevinseeber](#) on [#critlib](#) and lifelong learning!



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**Jessica Critten**  
@JessicaCritten

Thank you all SO MUCH for such a great [#critlib](#) tonight! Keep the convos going! You all have my vote!



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**Kelly McEeeeeeeee!**  
kellymce@kellymce

Thanks to [@JessicaCritten](#) for moderating another thought-provoking [#critlib](#)!



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**Emily Drabinski**  
@edrabinski

Thx [@JessicaCritten](#) for a great [#critlib](#) chat! Hope to see you in Portland for ACRL?



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**Kelly McEeeeeeeee!**

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Apropos of our topic tonight, we will skip Nov 4th (elections). Next [#critlib](#) hosted by [@kevinseeber](#), November 18!



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**Mega-Wicked Watson**

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[@JessicaCritten](#) Fabulous moderating! Thanks! [#critlib](#)



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**Dave Ellenwood**

@PeaBriddy

[@JessicaCritten](#) Thanks for facilitating Jessica! Great conversation [#critlib](#)



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**Ryan Randall**

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Thanks [@JessicaCritten](#) & everyone for fantastic [#critlib](#) tonight. Was \_exhausted\_ from long day before, now I'm energized again!



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**Andrew Asher**

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+1 ! RT [@foureyedsoul](#): Thanks [@JessicaCritten](#) & everyone for fantastic [#critlib](#) tonight.!



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