

Section 2

Chapter 6 - Educational Videogames: An overview

Exemplary case 3

Title: **People's Pie**

Description:

[People's Pie](#) is an on-line educational game in the [iCivics](#) series designed to teach students how to control the budget of the government. Students can take the role of a Minister or Prime Minister and are requested to balance a governmental budget by weighing priorities and choosing which programs to fund or cut. They have to plan out the budget and choose which bills the budget will be allocated to. However, students must be careful because some bills are not important whereas others are critical to the citizens. To stay out of trouble, students must think critically about how to spend reserves and levy taxes, trying not to set taxes too high or borrow too much money, otherwise they risk going into debt, getting kicked out of office, or both. Through this procedure students enhance their math, critical thinking and social skills while they learn that a successful planning of governmental budget requires balancing of social interests, political interests and the well-being of the citizens.

The People's Pie is available free of charge on the iCivics platform and it is functional on Linux, Mac, Windows.

