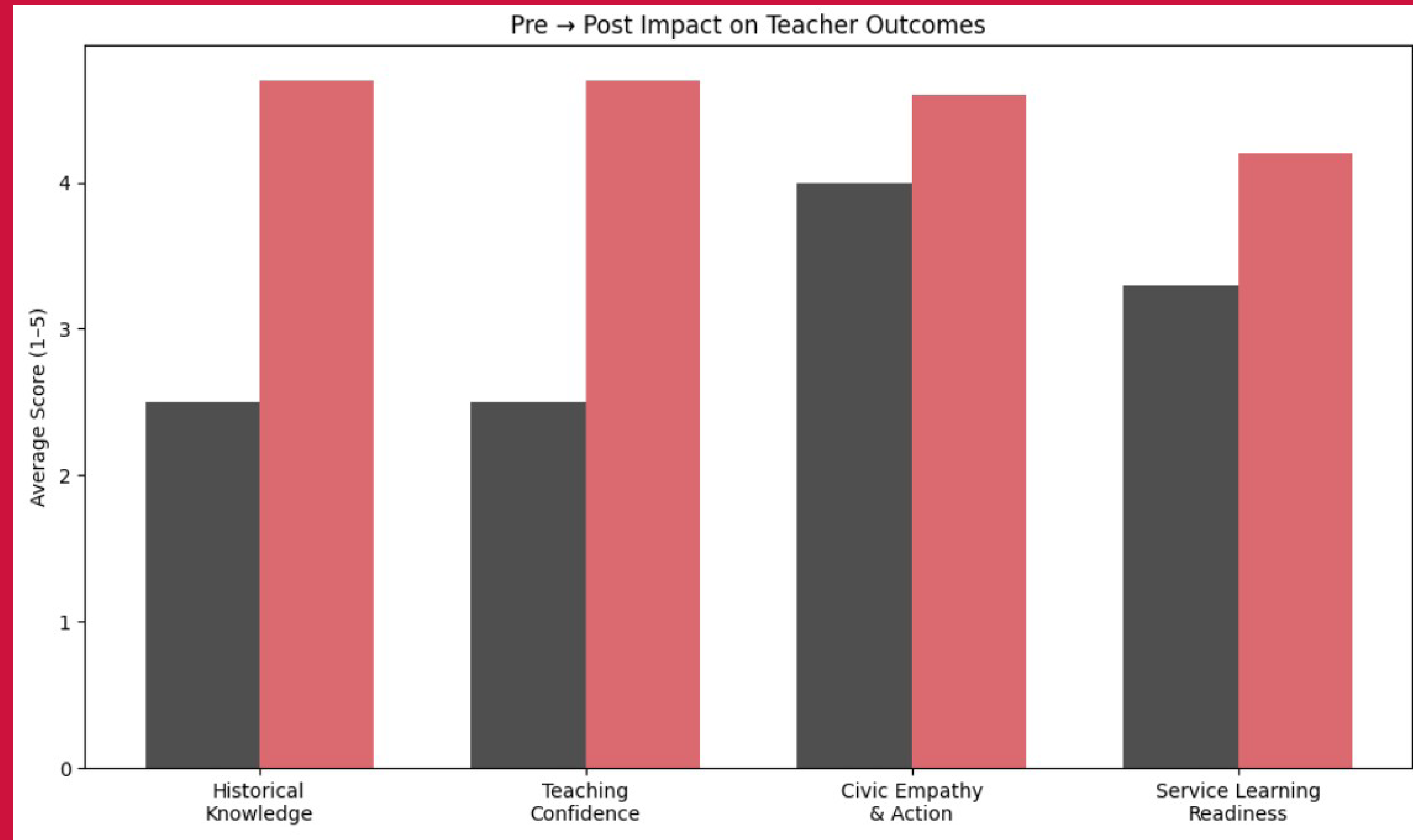


With Compassion Toward One Another

Preparing for the Challenge of Civic Unity for America250 Through the Legacy of Kennedy and King



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This graph shows the growth in teacher outcomes as a result of their increased teaching confidence and historical knowledge. Both of these categories showed strong growth, and teachers consistently rated these categories higher after engaging with primary sources and TPS materials.

On April 4, 1968, Robert F. Kennedy urged Ball State students to embrace the responsibilities of citizenship; only hours later in Indianapolis, he announced Dr. King's assassination and delivered one of the most consequential and consoling speeches in American history.

This project immersed teachers in this history along with Library of Congress primary sources and rare archival materials—original photographs, newspapers, and oral histories—and provides adaptable, classroom-ready lesson plans built from these sources. Through TPS-aligned materials, educators can use these materials to spark inquiry, strengthen historical thinking and literacy, to invite students to explore how Kennedy's words and Dr. King legacy can enrich our understanding of democratic values and civic responsibility. Participants showed strong gains in knowledge, confidence, and ability to design civic learning experiences using primary sources

"Hands-on materials helped me immediately apply this in my classroom."

"Access to primary sources makes meaningful civic teaching possible."

"I would absolutely participate again."



