

PS 101 – Blogging Assignment Reflection Paper

As we've discussed in class, your final assignment is a reflection paper that asks you to reflect upon your experiences researching and blogging about the community you selected. The purpose of the assignment was to get you more in touch with a community important to you and your life and investigate the struggles and issues that community faces. In your paper, you should choose at least three of the following six topics regarding your blogging experience to reflect on:

- 1) What challenges or surprises did you encounter in researching and blogging about your community
- 2) What were three surprising things you learned while working on your blog posts. What were they, why were they surprising, and how did learning these things shape your understanding of the community you selected?
- 3) One of the things you were asked to do, per the rubric you were given in class, was to engage with multiple perspectives on the issue within your community. How challenging did you find doing this and what did you learn from it?
- 4) In what ways did you become more aware of the community(ies) within which you reside and identify with?
- 5) Of the four issues facing your community that you wrote about, which do you think is the most important for your community to address? Why? Are you hopeful that it will be adequately addressed?
- 6) What did you learn about American politics from this assignment? Additionally, how have some of the things we've learned about American politics and government in class influenced your understanding of your community and the issues facing it?

This is due on the last day of class, Friday, July 8th at 11:59pm. Upload it on Moodle in the assignment upload spot under the "Communities Blogging Project" tab. You should aim for 3-4 pages, however, a little over or a little under won't hurt you so long as you have sufficiently engaged with at least three of topics above.