AP Government

POLITICAL Interviews Project

Your assignment is to interview your family members and talk politics with them.  Have a discussion with your parents, guardians, aunts, uncles, grandparents, older siblings, etc. and see what matters most to them.

**Some questions to ask:**

1. **Why does it [politics] matter to me?**
2. **Is there a way to make politics/government about more than myself? (In other words, is there a way to get people involved that doesn’t boil down to the “it’s in my best interests to get involved”)**
3. **What do you think are the most important issues facing the United States today?  If you were in charge, how would you propose we fix or address those issues?**
4. **Putting cynicism aside, do you think there are any issues that Republicans and Democrats agree on, and if so, which ones?**
5. **Most people tend to have a cynical view about politicians (ex. – “all politicians are corrupt and are in it for themselves”) – if you do have such views, what do you think we as a nation can do to elect better people to office?**
6. **What, if anything, do you do to try and promote good and effective government at the local, state, or federal level?**

Try to speak with as many family members as you can. Once you’ve collected your information, reflect on their views.  What do you think about your family’s answers?  The main writing should be about what you learned from each interview that show similarities maybe you would expect or findings that differ from what you did expect. Tell me what you learned in simple terms. If you disagreed strongly with any of them, how do you think you and they can come to some sort of compromise? I would also like to see if you found that anyone you interviewed believed in something that was not factual after you look up the information

This assignment will take the form of a narrative, informal essay where you discuss your findings.  You are NOT to share your own political views in this essay – I only want you to examine what your family thinks about politics and reflect on their views.” **THIS IS NOT ABOUT YOUR VIEWS THAT COMES NEXT SEMESTER.**

Due Date: Will be posted on Website. So, what do you turn in?

I expect a 3-5 page document with 12 font and Times Roman.

The document should include a list of who you interviewed including ages and race if important to your findings. Questions? Please come ask anytime.