

Civics Workshop 1 Resources

Articles

Democracy is for Amateurs: Why We Need More Citizen Citizens. Eric Liu

<http://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2012/05/democracy-is-for-amateurs-why-we-need-more-citizen-citizens/256818/>

Keynote Address. Bill Moyers. Jan 27, 2011. History Makers is an organization of broadcasters and producers from around the world concerned with the challenges and opportunities faced by factual broadcasting

[http://www.alternet.org/media/149925/bill_moyers: america can%27t deal with reality -- we must be exposed to the truth, even if it hurts?page=entire](http://www.alternet.org/media/149925/bill_moyers:_america_can%27t_deal_with_reality_-_we_must_be_exposed_to_the_truth,_even_if_it_hurts?page=entire)

Regionalism: United We Stand Feb 10, 2012 by Colin Woodard

http://blog.oregonlive.com/opinion_impact/print.html?entry=/2012/02/regionalism_united_we_stand.html

Civic Literacy

U.S. Immigration Services Naturalization Self-Test

<http://tinyurl.com/CivicPractice>

Pew Research Center News IQ Quiz

<http://pewresearch.org/politicalquiz/quiz/index.php>

Intercollegiate Studies Institute Civics Knowledge Survey

<http://www.isi.org/quiz.aspx?q=9C43CB91-617F-498E-AE55-2E66BC97A0AB>

Intercollegiate Studies Institute study on civic engagement

http://www.americancivilliteracy.org/2011/summary_summary.html

Civic Literacy and Civic Education

Center for Civic Education: Resources

<http://www.civiced.org/index.php?page=resources>

Argumentation

Logical Fallacies Video

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wmlb2Jb-KC8&list=PL47349652D60D963E&index=1&feature=plpp_video

Logical Fallacies Chart

<http://emp.byui.edu/BruggerW/Logical%20Fallacies%20Chart.pdf>

Polling

20 Questions a Journalist Should Ask About Poll Results. National Council on Public Polls.

<http://www.ncpp.org/?q=node/4>

PollingReport.com

<http://www.pollingreport.com>

Fact-checking Websites

Factcheck.org

<http://www.factcheck.org>

And, an offshoot

Flackcheck.org which highlights misleading claims in the politics

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<http://www.flackcheck.org>

Politifact

<http://www.politifact.org>

The Fact-Checker

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/fact-checker>

Snopes

<http://www.snopes.com>

Government Information

USA Gov

<http://www.usa.gov> and
<http://firstgovsearch.gov/>

Ben's Guide to Government [for kids]

<http://bensguide.gpo.gov/9-12/index.html>

US Government Manual

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/browse/collection.action?collectionCode=GOVMAN>

From Multnomah County Library – Go to Research – Topics – Government

Subscription databases:

CQ Reseacher

LegalTrac

And, of course, the newspaper and magazine databases

Free Web resources of note:

Elected Officials

Federal and State

<http://web.multco.us/elections/federal-and-state-elected-officials>

County, City and Metro

<http://web.multco.us/elections/multnomah-county-metro-and-city-elected-officials>

Multnomah County and Metro

<http://web.multco.us/elections/multnomah-county-metro-and-city-elected-officials>

Multnomah County election related links

<http://web.multco.us/elections/related-links>

Government Entities

Multnomah County

<http://web.multco.us/>

City of Portland

<http://www.portlandonline.com>

Metro

<http://www.oregonmetro.gov/>

State of Oregon

<http://www.oregon.gov>

Miscellaneous

C-Span

<http://www.c-span.org/>

Oregon Policy Directory

<http://libweb.uoregon.edu/govdocs/opd.html>

American Policy Directory

<http://library.uoregon.edu/govdocs/apd.html>

Government Reports

Government Reports

Congressional Research Service

<https://opencrs.com/>

E.g. "An Overview of Major Tax Proposals in the President's FY2012 Budget." May, 2012.

General Accounting Office

<http://www.gao.gov/>

<http://www.gao.gov/browse/date/week>

Local and State gov – Check the Auditor's office for reports evaluating government departments and actions.

E.g. Multnomah County Auditor's Reports: <http://web.multco.us/auditor/auditors-report-index>

E.g. City of Portland

<http://www.portlandonline.com/auditor/index.cfm?c=26649&>

The Audit Services Division is the auditing branch of the elected City Auditor's Office. The Division's mission is to conduct performance and financial audits of City operations, and to make recommendations to improve efficiency and effectiveness of City bureaus, offices and functions.

Case Study – Value of American Community Survey

Information on the American Community Survey

<http://www.census.gov/acs/www/>

During discussion of appropriations for the Commerce Dept [which oversees the Census], an amendment was proposed to de-fund the American Community Survey:

May 9, 2012 Congressional Record of argument for/against funding of the American Community Survey

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CREC-2012-05-09/pdf/CREC-2012-05-09-pt1-PgH2493.pdf#page=15>

relevant pages 2505-2509

Articles and blogs entries related to this topic

Census Survey Bill Would Leave Policymakers in the Dark. Governing Magazine.

By: Mike Maciag | May 28, 2012

<http://www.governing.com/blogs/view/census-american-community-survey-house-vote.html>

"House Votes To Cut Census Survey Done Since Thomas Jefferson". Michael McAuliff. Huffington Post. June 9, 2012

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/05/09/house-votes-cut-census-survey_n_1504748.html

Blog entry: Imagining a Census Survey without a Mandate. Wall Street Journal.

<http://blogs.wsj.com/numbersguy/imagining-a-census-survey-without-a-mandate-1129/>

Also, an article from the Wall Street Journal: Via WSJ database online - Multnomah County Library

"GOP's Census Takers: Republicans Try to Kill Data Collection That Helps Economic Growth" by Anonymous

Blog entry: Director of the Census Bureau:
<http://directorsblog.blogs.census.gov/?s=american+community+survey>

Track the bill:
On GovTrack
<http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/112/hr5326>
On Thomas
<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d112:HR05326:@@D&summ2=m&>

Miscellaneous

Supreme Court Arguments on Affordable Care Act
<http://www.c-span.org/Events/Supreme-Court-Determining-the-Constitutionality-of-Health-Care-Act/10737429098/>

Transcript: Supreme Court Arguments on Individual Mandate
<http://dyn.politico.com/printstory.cfm?uuid=B81231AE-A4C8-4950-BCA9-E8018C95A077>

“Homework” for next week

Read:
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Research:
Use Firstgov.gov <http://firstgovsearch.gov/> also, to search for your elected representatives
Use Congress.org <http://www.congress.org> also, to search for your elected representatives
For Oregon: Find Your Legislator <http://www.leg.state.or.us/findlegsltr/>

- **Fill out the You Are Here diagram**
- **Find out how many Representatives Pennsylvania has [hint: Use next Week 2's Resource List for a directory to U.S. Representatives]**
- **What Senate committees is Senator Wyden on?**

Review the reading list for Workshop 2 online. Find via: www.dcoheninfo.com/Civics/Workshop1.pdf