

Congressional Representation Assignment

*****Due Monday, May 3rd at 8:00AM via your TA's Blackboard Website*****

The Representation Assignment is designed to have you think about the meaning of representation by considering yourself and your representative (in this case, your Member of Congress) through a little hands-on research and descriptive data collection.

Format Requirements: 3 page essay, typed, double-spaced text in a readable 12pt font with one inch margins. Page count excludes references and required district map.

1. Go to <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members> to find your congressional district and information about your representative (info such as voting records are available too)
2. Go to <http://www.census.gov/mycd/?eml=gd#> where you can find out demographic and all sorts of other information about that district: income and education levels, and race/ethnic information.
 - a. Save a map (screenshot or other file) of your district for inclusion at the end of your essay. Make sure to source your map and that the source appears among your References/ Works Cited page.
3. **Write:** Describe your congressional district – the number, it's geographic coverage, the name & party of your representative. You can offer other descriptive information, but do limit your description in terms of how it helps you then answer the following question: Do you as an individual have anything in common with the rest of the population in your congressional district? Is your district on the whole well-represented by your member of Congress? If so/if not, what specific information leads you to draw your conclusion?
 - a. Make sure to reference (cite) where you got your district and other legislative information used for this essay. Use in-text citations for this and add a reference page. Please use the provided APSA citation guide on this assignment.
 - b. Make sure your essay, though brief, follows appropriate structure: Introduction, Body/Supporting Paragraphs, Conclusion.

Final essays must be submitted as WORD or PDF documents to the Turnitin Link provided on your TA's Blackboard website. Late assignments will not be accepted.