

“Abortion Before and After Legalization.” *Guttmacher Institute*, 27 Nov. 2018, <https://www.guttmacher.org/perspectives50/abortion-and-after-legalization>.

This article talked about the importance of legalizing abortion and what the effects would be we didn't. Legalizing abortion would create safe, and protected options to abort your child, instead of unsafe and inhumane ways. This article heavily stressed on the fact that whether or not abortion legalization happens, and the fact that if it becomes illegal in more states, we are honestly just delaying the inevitable. Women will have abortions regardless of it being legal or not. I used this article to strengthen my perspective of the 600 SWA's political platform. I wanted to understand what I should grab and take in order to properly describe the viewpoint for our promises on our website.

“Cory's Plan for America.” *Cory 2020*, <https://corybooker.com/issues/>.

I used different political platforms to contribute ideas and concepts into the one I am creating for my American Civics portion of my project. As I found the perspective of the students in the 600 SWA I tried to keep in mind what presidential candidate represents the work area the most. After researching this, I came to the conclusion that it was Democratic Candidate Cory Booker. Later that day I went to his platform to see his perspective and saw that five out of six of my topics were in the section of issues Booker hopes to resolve. I read his blurbs about each topic for inspiration on my platform. This site truly allowed me to understand how to go about creating my platform and what is essential to include.

Davenport, David. "Congress And The Lost Art Of Compromise." *Forbes*, Forbes Magazine, 24 Jan. 2018,
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/daviddavenport/2018/01/24/congress-and-the-lost-art-of-compromise/#4e659943d597>.

The way this article was written was very interesting to me. Most of the articles I read were heavily informative, yet this article had more personality in it. The author wrote with a bias, to share the perspective of a suffering congress. This article spoke about The Constitutional Convention back in 1787 and how that was the first moment of compromise in the early days of American history. The message of the article was to bring to attention the "lost art of compromise." My favorite quote from this article was, "politics is the art of the possible." After meeting with Mr. Wimmer and reading this article, I began looking at politics with a whole new perspective. We are regressing. We lost the art of compromise.

Harmon, Katharine A., and Gayle Clemans. *The Map as Art: Contemporary Artists Explore Cartography*. Princeton Architectural Press, 2009.

I used this collection of different pieces of artwork as inspiration for my project. When creating a map and working with cartography for the second time in Apollo, but in a different sense, I wanted to make sure I knew exactly how to go about doing that the best I could. I wasn't too sure how to connect perspective into cartography and tried really hard to think of something very grand to do. I saw many forms of cartography where the map element is hidden. I chose to go this route and to show the perspectives of the work areas without the actual structure of the work areas. Funnily enough, this book of cartography gave me perspective on different ways to create my map using perspective.

Kleiman, Mark A. R., et al. "The Public-Health Case for Legalizing Marijuana." *National Affairs*, <https://www.nationalaffairs.com/publications/detail/the-public-health-case-for-legalizing-marijuana>.

This article truly opened up my personal perspective when it comes to legalizing marijuana. In this article I learned that more people die from substance abuse with alcohol than they do with substance abuse when it comes to marijuana. Yet there isn't any legal action being taken on overconsumption of alcohol. Recreationally, marijuana is extremely controversial. Our medications are already filled with very strong chemicals that no one overcomplicates with debate. Marijuana use recreationally will most likely not turn out like alcohol abuse situation in America, because if someone really wants to smoke, they would have already. This article also talked about the psychological idea that

people want what they can't have. If we legalize Marijuana, there is a debate that it would actually decrease the number of people who will actually smoke it.

“Legalize Marijuana - Yang2020 - Andrew Yang for President.” *Yang2020*,
<https://www.yang2020.com/policies/legalization-of-marijuana/>.

I used Andrew Yang, Presidential Candidate for the 2020 Election, and his perspective on legalizing marijuana to incorporate into my project. I wanted to see what facts and information he gave on his platform to include in mine. Similar to my statement about Cory Booker's political platform, I wanted to have a candidate who represents the 600 SWA's perspective the most. Booker talked about all the topics except for marijuana legalization on his platform so I searched for another candidate to talk about the fact. What surprised me about this page, was that Yang hardly wrote anything to support his opinion and take on the issue. I kept in mind the formatting and lacking evidence when writing my platform and how I would do it differently.

Lipka, Michael, and John Gramlich. “5 Facts about the Abortion Debate in America.” *Pew Research Center*, Pew Research Center, 30 Aug. 2019,
<https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2019/08/30/facts-about-abortion-debate-in-america/>.

As repetitive as this sounds, I used this article to further my ideas and factual evidence about abortion and the effects of legalizing it. I liked this article because it shared both perspectives, pro-life and pro-choice with enough evidence to support it. The most interesting thing I noticed about this article, is the fact that it ties back into the ideas and concepts of the first article I read. The first article I read for this project was about congress and its lack of compromise. That article talked about liberal, democratic voters being more open and supportive of compromise, and conservative, republican voters being closed off on the idea of compromise. In this article it talked about the democratic party supporting legal abortion more than the republican party, due to the lack of religious affiliation .

“Marijuana Legalization and Regulation.” *Drug Policy Alliance*,
<http://www.drugpolicy.org/issues/marijuana-legalization-and-regulation>.

I used this site to talk about why Marijuana should be legal in my notes and in my political platform. I wanted to really, truly understand the topic before I created a platform to elaborate on the 600 SWA's perspective. The article talked about the benefits of legalizing marijuana and how to prevent marijuana abuse. A common theme I saw in many of my articles I read about controversial topics, was the idea that no matter what we try to make illegal, people will still abuse that topic. For example, marijuana will continue to be abused and done illegally even if it is not made legal federally. It is better to openly legalize marijuana than to sit and wonder why people are abusing the drug.

“Pros & Cons - ProCon.org.” *Abortion*, <https://abortion.procon.org/>.

This site is one of the only I looked through my entire project that gave both perspectives in the same breath. This site was also the hardest to digest. Since I wanted to stick to and support the 600 SWA perspective, I didn't quite look up the conservative takes on the topic. Reading this article about abortion gave me the religious and Godly perspective to reproductive rights, and further explained why people find it disgusting to abort. On the contrary, it also gave me really good rebuttals to pro-life ideas.

Sides, John. “Many Americans Say They Want Politicians to Compromise. But Maybe They Don't.” *The Washington Post*, WP Company, 16 Jan. 2019, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2019/01/16/many-americans-say-they-want-politicians-to-compromise-but-maybe-they-dont/>.

I read this article to include in my research for my political platform I am creating. I wanted to know how to compromise in politics and how I would go about doing so, since it is very rare. I read this article to also talk about which parties are willing to compromise and which parties are not. This article elaborated on the fact that Democratic voters are looking for compromise, and that Republican voters are not. The Democratic perspective is that the more you know about politics and the controversial topics researched, the more liberal you become. Through that, you want compromise. The Republican perspective however, doesn't shift. The more you know about politics does not impact your beliefs on compromise. The conservative element of the Republican party is what that usually comes from. This article gave perspective on both parties and allowed me to understand what people are looking for when it comes to compromise in presidential elections.