

Informal Polls: Civics Extra Credit Assignment

This assignment will allow you to informally check what American citizens really know about the basics of government. With a group of your fellow classmates (no more than 3) you need to randomly ask people the following two questions:

1. What type of government do we have in the United States?
2. What is the purpose of government?

Where and when you go is up to you, remember to be polite and ask people if they can help by answering a few questions. You should ask between 15 and 20 people, make sure to mix up ethnicity, age, and gender. You will also need to include your commentary at the end of the presentation (What did you learn from this assignment, any generalizations you made). Also remember that you need to know what the answers to your two questions if anybody would like to clarify.

The assignment needs to be professionally edited and placed on either a CD or DVD (No VHS). You will need to introduce yourselves on camera as well as where you went to ask people. You will need to add credits to the end of the presentation.

Quality	Exceptional	Acceptable	Poor
The purpose of the presentation is clearly stated			
The presentation meets the stated purpose			
The topic is taken seriously			
A variety of people were questioned			
All members contributed to the final presentation			
Media was used creatively			
Presentation edited with the appropriate program			
Introduction and Credits part of the final project			