

PS 200, Summer 2019
Assignment #3
Due 7/16 In Class

Please type responses, 12 point, double spaced.

1. [Chapter 6] Go to www.house.gov and www.senate.gov and look at the demographic makeup of the current Congress. Use www.census.gov to compare the makeup of Congress with the demographic composition of the United States. How do they compare? Why is this important for representation?
2. [Chapter 7] Go to the University of California at Santa Barbara's "The American Presidency Project" at http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/index_docs.php and select two state of the union addresses to examine. One should be from before 1900 and the other should be from the last 50 years. Compare and contrast the content of these. How do they reflect what you have learned about the role of the 19th-century president versus the role of the modern presidency?
3. [Chapter 8] Research one of the independent regulatory commissions in Table 8.3 (pg. 361). What functions does it perform? Why would Congress want to delegate authority over these tasks to bureaucrats whom both Congress and the president would have little control over?