

PS1214: US Congress Final Paper Assignment

You are to write a 2-3 page letter to your constituents updating them on the recent events of the simulation. Think of this as your chance to sell them on why you (and your party) should be re-elected. It is up to you to decide what elements of the simulation are important for your constituents to hear about and which are not. Republicans may comment on some of the “extreme” measures the majority party passed and claim this as an example of why they need to be returned to power, while Democrats might use the same bills to demonstrate their ability to get things done or point to the obstruction of Republicans as an example of why they are bad for the country.

Letters should include a discussion of the following:

- Issues/Bills that you (and your party) advocated for during the simulation.
- Issues/Bills that passed the chamber during the simulation.
- Pork that you brought back to your state.

You should personalize this letter to your constituents (refer back to your legislator profile). Feel free to get into your persona when writing this letter and have fun with it. While these should be written formally, they should not sound too stiff. If you’re a policy wonk, it is likely that you might focus on some statistics, while someone who was born and raised in their district might speak using more of the local jargon. Your goal is to connect with your constituents and this letter should reflect your home style. Make sure you have fun with this assignment.

This paper is due to CourseWeb by end of day on 4/23. No citations or outside references are necessary for this paper. If you think they are, you’re doing it wrong.