

PSCI 3110: The Legislative Process
Fall 2019

Specifications for Report on Another Member's Legislative Accomplishments

This assignment asks you to objectively evaluate another member's legislative performance. Your report will include 2 sections. In Part 1, you will evaluate the legislative accomplishments of an assigned classmate. (I will assign you a member for this assignment.) In Part 2, you will take on the role of a campaign consultant and outline a campaign strategy to defeat this member of Congress in their home state.

- This assignment must be submitted as a Word or PDF document in Canvas by Tuesday, December 3 at 11:59 pm.

To earn credit for Part 1, your report must:

- Highlight activities that will likely help the senator get re-elected in their state.
- Highlight any activities that may create problems for the senator during their re-election campaign.
- Be a minimum of 500 words.
- Be written clearly (in paragraph form) with no more than 3 grammatical or spelling errors per 250 words.

In Part 2, you will design a strategy and campaign slogan for defeating your assigned classmate in their state by drawing on their record in office. Note that you are not the candidate running against them! For this portion of the assignment, imagine that you are a campaign consultant that wants to see your assigned member of Congress out of office. What is the best way you could accomplish this goal? Your campaign should focus on how well your opponent represented their state, their voting record, etc. No negative personal attacks are allowed! Negativity regarding the record is fine. Missed votes and lack of participation are fair game.

To earn credit, this section of your report must:

- Make clear whether the easiest way to defeat the assigned senator would be through a primary challenge or a general election.
- Describe characteristics of the candidate you would run as an opponent.
- Create a slogan for this campaign.
- Be a minimum of 250 words.
- Be written clearly (in paragraph form) with no more than 3 grammatical or spelling errors per 250 words.