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POLS 1100

Mon/Weds 5:00

Reflective Writing Assignment 1:

What do you hope to get from this class? What classes or experience have you had that might prepare you to do well in this class? What are your objectives for taking this class?

I was excited to learn that this class was a required general ed class for the U of U Social Work program, as I have been interested in politics from a young age. I have always been fascinated by history and government and I have an unusual level of patriotism, compared to most in my generation. Throughout the years I have considered myself a diehard republican, then a true-blue democrat, and now I try not to label myself too much. In my limited political experience I have learned that there are good and bad leaders and policies, regardless of party. My first in-depth political experiences came in early 2008 when I became involved with the John Edwards presidential campaign. I did my first political blogging, my first political volunteering, and even made my first political donations! I believed in Senator Edwards whole-heartedly and I was devastated when the story broke about his affair and love-child. That early political “betrayal” opened my eyes in a lot of ways, and sparked my determination to learn even more, and become even more involved.

I am looking forward to learning more about what happens after Inauguration day. I love election season, and I know quite a bit about the campaign and election process, but my knowledge about the actual workings of government is limited. I want to learn where to go to find information, how to sort out the real issues from the “buzz”, and how to really research and learn about a politician. I would also like to learn more about the Senate and the House and the process of getting bills written and passed.

More than anything, I am looking forward to hearing the opinions of my fellow classmates. I enjoy political discussion, especially when I disagree with someone! As long as a person can tell me *why* they believe something, I am always up for a debate. Nothing frustrates me more than someone stating strong political opinions, without actually knowing anything about the issue they are talking about. I am hoping that this class will educate me even further so that I can continue to pursue educated political discussion amongst my classmates and friends, and so that I can find new ways to become involved in my community.