

Reflective Essay

Before I took American Institutions I knew little to nothing about the political system. There are parts that everybody learns in school such as, checks and balances and the various branches within the Government. My dad is someone who prides themselves on knowing an abundance about the political system and how it works, so much so that he actually went onto a higher education in this. Growing up I heard my dad talking to my mom about the different changes in Government but I never understood what they were talking about. The last time I took a political science class was when I was a senior in high school and when I signed up for this class I assumed it would be similar in context. Much to my surprise they were very different.

Before this class I didn't care much about politics and during the course of this semester I have grown to love politics. I actually paid attention to what was going on during the election and I actually voted. The persuasive essay I wrote and have displayed on my ePortfolio about the Electoral College has changed my mind about the structure of our political system. The Electoral College used to confuse me I didn't understand how a candidate could win the popular vote yet still be the president by the Electoral College vote. During the semester I gained an understanding for how that works and how the President could win and lose at the same time.

Going forward with my life I will continue to keep up on politics and remain a registered voter. My assumptions about politics have changed and I want to stay informed. Politics has never been important to me until I took this class. The United States Political System is very

important for every individual in the country to learn and become informed of. I think the ignorance of most American's is the reason the country is falling apart. I will take politics seriously from now on and try to remain open minded toward all the decisions from the Government.