

McGaan's COMM 101-3 Student Research Questions

I asked students in my class to identify "Three things I want to find out before my first speech."

Bradley Ford - The Federal Government should legalize medical Marijuana

- How would legalizing medical marijuana help the economy?
- Would legalizing medical marijuana create a breakthrough in the medical field?
- Why is the Federal government opposed to legalizing medical marijuana when over-the-counter medicines are so easy to access?

Tyler Simon – Is the Death Penalty Worth the Cost?

- How much does it actually cost to provide for an inmate?
- How much does the death penalty actually save?
- How much does it cost to perform the killing of someone by lethal injection?

Marina Carbajal – Legal Protections for Transgendered People

- Legal laws that are against transgender
- New laws that are being talked about for the upcoming years
- Human Rights movement

Tia Lofton – Public School Teacher Pay

- What is the reason that teachers are not getting paid more?
- How much do teachers get paid?
- What can people do to make sure teachers are paid more?

Chelsea Nava – Reforming How Illinois Funds Public Schools

- How is Illinois funding decided?
- Structure of public schools
- Why does (government?) (mayor) not listen to public's needs/wishes on public school funding? It's their tax money.
 - Where do funds come from?

Fletcher Davis – Respect for Sex Workers

- Was there a time where prostitution was praised?
- Dangers of prostitution
- Laws for and against sex work

Morgan Abraham – Rehabilitation (through Job Training after Criminal Conviction)

- How many criminal **intestives**(??) have job training?
- How many people are convicted and serve time in prison
- How well do people live on the outside with job training?

Logan Heaton – Reforming Child Protective services' Investigations

- Loopholes within the Child Protective Service system
- Stories of the victims of the Child Protective Service system
- Ways of which to reform Child Protective Services

Ian Moles – "Right to Carry" Laws (2nd Amendment)

- What is the law to carry in Illinois and other states?
- What does the 2nd Amendment say?
- What does carrying do for Illinois people?

Chandler Claude – Should College Athletes be Paid?

- How are the talks between NCAA and TV networks doing of possibly giving students pay?
- How much revenue a year does the NCAA make off of March Madness?
- Why is the risk of injury and having medical bills so risky if you play a sport in college...which means you risk your scholarship being taken away to play your sport?

Jon Cunningham – Promoting the Increased Use of Renewable Energy in the Local Community

- Where does Monmouth get its electricity from?
- How much energy does the college use in a day, month, year?
- Where is the college's energy use least efficient?
- What are our wind, sun and other resources? Sunny days per year, wind speeds, consistency, altitudes.

Hugo Cabrera – Solving the Obesity Problem

- How many are obese?
- How many deaths?
- Who is mostly affected?

Brendan Leuthner – Can Renewable Forms of Energy Become Cost Effective?

- Why does the fossil fuel industry not want to change to clean energy?
- When will clean energy (solar panels, windmills, hydro-electric power) be cheap enough to switch easily?
- When will it be too late to make the change?

Duh Cem – Climate Change Effects on the U.S.

- What kind of negative effect will it have by climate change?
- What are ways to prevent climate change?
- Why is climate change an issue and what part of the U.S. will be worse?

Conner Sharp – MLB Pitcher Safety

- I want to learn how many injuries have occurred by a ball hitting the pitcher off the bat, and how many of them were severe.
- I also want to learn ways Major League Baseball is working on coming up with a solution to this problem.
- I want to read statements from pitchers who have experienced being struck by a ball off the bat at high speeds.

Modou Lamin Jarju – Deforestation in Africa

- What is deforestation and what are the effects it has had in Africa (people, environment, animals)?
- Why is it such a big issue?
- Ways to curb deforestation in Africa.

Brad Buchner – Concussions in Sports

- How much money does the NFL spend on making football a much safer and concussion free sport?
- What is the next step to reduce concussion rate?
- Is there going to be more consequences to athletes who use helmet to helmet contact?

Haylee Stone – The Case for Religious Tolerance

- The different cultures and religions that people hold in the world.
- The lack of education of multi-cultures and religions that people also do not hold, but still have hatred against different cultures and religion.
- How can this problem be fixed by studying and having a good understanding of others?
- Why do people have so much hatred towards other cultures?

Monica Shide – Suicide Prevention

- What are signs of serious depression
- Statistics on Suicide
- Out Reach Programs