

Who's Who in Government For You? #2

Purpose:

By completing this assignment you will learn specific information about the background of your U.S. Representative and one of your U.S. Senators and how to contact them. Finally, you will learn how your Representative voted on issues important to you.

Source:

Ms.S.Work: Government Assignment Web Sites–Click on Who's Who or go directly to *Project Vote Smart*:
< <http://www.vote-smart.org/index.phtml> >

What to do:

1. In the “Illinois Elected Officials” frame of *Project Vote Smart*, click on the name of your U. S. (House) Representative. Create a word processed, two column table** that contains the following information.

a. Name	e. Religion	i. Last Elected	m. DC E-Mail Address
b. Family	f. Educational Experience	j. Votes Received	n. DC Web Address
c. Birth date	g. Professional Experience	k. Political Experience	o. DC Address
d. Home City	h. First Elected	l. Committees	p. Chicago Address

**The Title for your table is– (Rep. Name), United States Representative, District #
Use column 1 to name the categories as listed above (total rows = 16).
Use column 2 for the information provided for your Representative.

Underneath the table, comment on the following.

- In your opinion, what biographical factors make your Representative qualified for the job?
 - Look at the committees which your Representative belongs to. Which do you think is most important? Explain.
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2. Follow the format in #1 for your **U.S. Senator:

- #1-15 Senior Senator.
- # 16-30 Junior Senator.

**The Title for your table is– (Sen. Name), United States (Senior or Junior) Senator for Illinois
Use column 1 to name the categories (total rows = 16).
Use column 2 for the information provided for your Senator.

Underneath the table, comment on the following.

- In your opinion, what biographical factors make your Senator qualified for the job?
- Look at the committees which your Senator belongs to. Which do you think is most important? Explain.

3. Voting Record Analysis A:

Click on the Voting Record for your Representative.

Scroll through the issues listed.

Choose three different issues of interest to you that have a 2001 vote.

Click on one of the votes concerning this issue.

Create a ****two column table.**

Use column 1 to list the categories below (total rows = 8).

Use column 2 to fill in the information provided for your Representative's vote.

a. Issue	c. Sponsor	e. Votes For	g. Summary of the bill
b. Bill number	d. Outcome	f. Votes Against	h. My Rep.'s (Sen.'s) Vote

****The title for your table is: Voting Record for (your Representative's name).**

Underneath the table, answer these questions for each issue:

a. Restate the issue.

b. Do you agree or disagree with your Representative's vote? Explain.

c. Would your stand on this issue influence you to vote for or against your Representative? Explain.

4. Voting Record Analysis B:

Follow the format in #3 for your ****U.S. Senator**:

#1-15 Senior Senator.

16-30 Junior Senator.

****The title for your table is: Voting Record for (your Senator's name).**

Underneath the table, answer these questions for each issue:

a. Restate the issue.

b. Do you agree or disagree with your Senator's vote? Explain.

c. Would your stand on this issue influence you to vote for or against your Senator? Explain.
