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Liberal Arts.Political Science.01

AaronMason

Northwestern State University

The Thirteenth Amendment: Reconsidering Its Impacts on Tribal Governments and Indian Country.

Ample scholarship exists regarding American Indians and the Civil War. Likewise, an extensive amount of research concentrates upon the weakening of state power in the wake of the Civil War. However, little attention has been directed toward the constitutional connection between the Civil War Amendments and their direct impacts upon the sovereignty of tribal governments. This article attempts to demonstrate that the Thirteenth Amendment impacted the long term sovereignty of Indian Tribes by affording Congress the authority to directly expand its reach over Indian Country in ways that it had hitherto not been able to influence.

Liberal Arts.Political Science.02

YoungtaeShin

University of Central Oklahoma

Democracy contested: the Rise of Populism in South Korean and its implications

The contentious politics in South Korea was well demonstrated by incessant demonstrations by two opposing groups in the streets of Seoul in 2016, which resulted in the removal of the presiding president Park Geun Hye from office through impeachment. While protests in South Korea were by and large peaceful, succeeding years since the installment of Moon Jae In as President in May 2017 continued to show discontent among Park supporters. My poster will show how the protest began and what the populist politics means in solidifying democracy in South Korea.

Liberal Arts.Political Science.03

JeffreySikes

Southwestern Oklahoma State University

The Death Penalty: Botched Executions - Cruel and Unusual?

Do botched executions in the United States constitute cruel and unusual punishment to those condemned to the death penalty, thus violating the Eighth Amendment of the Constitution? Or does the intent to be humane override any pain and suffering caused during delivery? The United States has the distinction of being one of the last developed western countries actively practicing the death penalty. It is not, however, practiced in every state. As 2018 ended, thirty states have the death penalty on the books including the federal government and the military. Three of these states though, Oregon (2011), Colorado (2013), and Pennsylvania (2015) have governor moratoriums. Twenty states, plus the District of Columbia, have either abolished the use of the death penalty or their state courts have overturned it. The United States during its history has basically used five different forms of capital punishment: Firing squad, Hanging, Gas chamber, Electric chair, and Lethal injection. Each of these methods, except for the firing squad, has been botched in its delivery. Botched refers to the method of execution being performed poorly causing unnecessary discomfort, suffering, or pain to the person being executed. Every new method came with the promise of being more humane, but each new method largely failed to deliver in this promise.

Liberal Arts.Political Science.04

ColbyKarcher

Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Concealed Handgun Carry and Crime: A Relationship

Concealed handgun carry has been a highly researched topic in recent times. The topic of concealed handgun carry itself has several different facets and outlooks from legislation. In this research, a relationship between rates of crime, and severity of crimes, will be established with the corresponding population of concealed handgun carriers. Further, this project will delve into different crime rates among certain areas that differ in their percentages of concealed handgun carriers in the general population.

Liberal Arts.Political Science.05

MorganDuckwall

Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Oklahoma Named Number One in Incarceration Rates: Why? And What is Being Done?

The state of Oklahoma was recently named as the number one state for the highest incarceration rates in the country. This study is going to look into some of the effects of this fact. Oklahoma's incarceration rate is not comparable to its crime rate, so this study will also analyze what is instead causing the large number of inmates. Finally, it will look into what is being done to attack this issue in the state of Oklahoma.

Liberal Arts.Political Science.06

BenSchrack

Southeastern Oklahoma State University

How the Usage of Jury Challenges Impacts the Outcome of a Case.

The poster will focus on how challenges will increase your chance of winning the case. It will look at various cases where challenges were used and not used. It will also examine why the challenges were used. After examining these cases I will divide up categories and see what types of challenges are most likely to win in certain cases. I will pair up different types of challenges with other types to see how to maximize the chance of winning a case through the usage of jury challenges.

Liberal Arts.Political Science.07

TyHaight

Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Environmental Law: A Brief Summary and Its Impact

The impact of environmental laws and regulations may not be inherently evident, but instances where proper protocol isn't followed can affect millions such as the infamous Flint, Michigan water crisis. In my research presentation, I lay out the timeline of how the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) came to be during the Nixon Administration, as well as the key cases leading up to present day. This also includes pivotal decisions made in this state regarding dumping waste in the Illinois River, the creation of superfund sites such as Picher, Oklahoma, and the increase of earthquakes. At the federal level, the current administration has been clear in favoring deregulation along with placing nonrenewable-resource-executives in positions of power of the agencies set out to regulate them. The urgency to act on behalf of future generations has been growing with every scientific report coming to similar conclusions; that the gap between now and the point of no return is closing, and the decisions made in this next decade will directly influence the lives of billions of people.

Liberal Arts.Political Science.08

TrevorCohee

Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Inconsistencies in Sentencing in America Today

This project explores the punishment and sentencing processes of the American criminal justice system, including the purpose of sentencing, the structure of sentencing, and most importantly the problems and impact inconsistencies have in the sentencing process. The focus of this project will be on sentencing disparity, what causes it, why it is a problem in the criminal justice system today, and several solutions that could help fix it. A situation in which two individuals commit similar crimes but do not receive similar punishments is known as sentencing disparity, and it happens more often than one would think. Sentencing disparity is the result of a wide amount of circumstances stemming from but not limited to things such as : judicial discretion, mitigating circumstances, aggravating circumstances, how the crime affected the victim, location of the crime committed, federal court versus a state court, race and gender, etc. In my project I will give a few ways that I think would help diminish sentencing disparity such as giving less discretion to judges and replacing that discretion with a universally used grid/system of determining a sentence that is used by all states in the US, and to change the minimum age at which a juvenile could be charged as an adult as a federal law; synonymous in all states.

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CalebBlanchard

Southwestern Oklahoma State University

The State of Oklahoma's Religious Bias as Reflected in Legislation and in the Capitol.

When one thinks of the United States the thought of an American Dream/melting pot often comes to mind. This is why the U.S. has remained a pinnacle of immigration. However, the same nation that encourages all walks of life to migrate here, is still "A Nation Under God." These ideals often present themselves in Oklahoma politics as well, seeing as how the state, due to its demographic, rests in the bible belt. So the State of Oklahoma is not too friendly to those of other faiths that are not protestant or other branches of Christianity. Research will show that past and present Oklahoma Law and Capitol decisions tend to be biased toward Protestantism.

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BradyReinke

Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Legal Discrimination?

When the words "legal" and "discrimination" are placed together in 2019 you can feel the tension. In this research topic, the awkward ins and outs of legal discrimination will be explored. Furthermore, many examples will be used to show how this legal phenomenon plays out in American society. Specifically, time will be spent looking at the contentious line that has been drawn as to what constitutes legal or illegal discrimination.

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KitChavez

Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Graduation From Primary School to Prison

Murder is the most serious crime that can be committed by mankind. What drives a person to take a life is a mystery that can be unsolved for years. For a child to commit a serious crime is rare, but for a child to commit a murder is even rarer. While an adult killer is assumed to be evil, a child is seen to be innocent that they would never spill blood of another. This poster will analyze why the child committed the crime, factors that drove them to do the act and the punishment they received. Whether they are victims of their environment, their own curiosity or just wanted to display their power, these children have committed some of the most chilling murders in the world. The focus will be child murders age sixteen and under at the time of the crime and in the USA only. This poster will display their unique cases and what became or will become of them.

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HeatherKatz

Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Fixed Wireless Broadband: A Policy Alternative?

Digital divides persist in many forms. In the US, fixed wired broadband speeds as defined by the FCC (25/3 Mbps) are not widely available in rural and tribal areas. Additionally, the policy environment is not conducive for state intervention, as entrenched ISPs often campaign against municipal broadband projects. Few scholars have addressed the development of fixed wireless broadband (FWLB), and those like Middleton and Given (2011) cannot address how recent technological and policy developments have affected its rollout. This paper will address to what degree FWLB is a viable alternative to fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) and the roadblocks providers and users face. This study will rely on survey data and interviews in the rural Midwest. FWLB is a tantalizing solution to policy roadblocks of providing wired broadband to populations outside of urban areas, but also faces its own set of barriers. The need to understand how to deal with the persistence of the digital divide in the US will help improve access for individuals and communities in less populated areas globally.

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RyleighCooper

East Central University

MC to WC

This research explores the relationship between access to toilets at school and the amount of women in politics. It is hypothesized that the more women that are present in politics the more toilets there are. This hypothesis will be tested by gathering quantitative research on access to private toilets at schools in Africa and the amount of active women in the government in various African countries. This research is important because if a link to these variables is established it might suggest a strategy for expanding the amount of toilets in schools in Africa, thus educational attainment.

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HeatherHall

East Central University

The End. Period.: How Menstruation Affects Educational Attainment in Developing Countries.

This research explores the relationship between access to toilets at schools in developing countries and female educational attainment. It is hypothesized that girls drop out of school when they hit maturity if they don't have access to a private toilet at school. The hypothesis will be tested by gathering quantitative research on access to private toilets at schools and levels of educational attainment by females in various developing countries. This research is important because if a link between these variables is established it might suggest a strategy for expanding the education of women.

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Dae'lynSmith

Northeastern State University

Higher Education Affordability and Public Policy

This paper focuses on higher education affordability across the United States. I examine the history of the issue, why it should matter to both students and the public and the current opinions of both political parties. I analyze the federal education policy from both the Obama administration and the Trump administration and I compare affordability and access across the country. After determining what the issue is and why it matters, I examine and present various policy solutions, alternatives and recommendations.

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Air-EaunaWarrior

East Central University

The Importance of Hygiene and Sanitation Facilities for Women.

The research examines the importance of hygiene and sanitation in schools for girls. I hypothesized that if the bathrooms in schools in Africa are unsanitary, and filled with thousands of germs and bacteria, less girls would want to use them due to the exposure of infections and diseases. To test my hypothesis, I will gather information from different students around campus that are from Africa, and interview them and ask what type of conditions they had to deal with when it comes to boy and girl restrooms at their schools. This research will help bring awareness to how filthy such as a restroom can be if not kept clean and sanitized on a daily. This research will also bring awareness to the inequality of boys and girls, and the upper class and lower class.

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danbrown

Southwestern Oklahoma State University

"REFLECTIONS OF MURDER"

THIS PRESENTATION WILL ANALYZE CASES IN THE AMERICAN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM INVOLVING WOMEN WHO HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH THE CRIME OF MURDER.

THE ANALYSIS WILL EVALUATE CASES IN WHICH A WOMAN HAS INTERPOSED DEFENSES OF SELF-DEFENSE, MENTAL ILLNESS AND "THE BATTERED WOMAN'S SYNDROME.

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AshlinMurray

Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Gender Discrimination in American Elections

Recent years have seen a heightened participation by women in Presidential elections. Research will address the issue of gender discrimination as it relates to elections, particularly Presidential elections, as well as the driving forces behind discrimination in the election process. The study will examine the history of women involved with American Presidential elections, the successes and failures of female campaigns, and the electoral trends that have led to these campaign losses.

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JeffreyShafer

East Central University

The Benefit of Living in the City: The Link Among Urbanization, Toilet Access, & The Education of Girls

This research explores the relationship between urbanization and the access to toilets and how this affects education of girls in Africa. It’s hypothesized that with the lack of urbanization brings lack of proper bathrooms, which negatively affects girl’s education. The hypothesis will be tested by collecting data on urban areas with proper sanitation versus rural areas with poor sanitation and how girl’s education is affected. This research is important because it could establish a link between rural areas and poor education of women.

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LaurenHughes

Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Gender Equality in the U.S. Legal System

In a time when gender equality is such a prevalent topic of discussion in our country. Also, in a time when the “#MeToo” movement is such an important and big part of the conversation. Women are questioning whether there is equality in our legal system. In my research I plan to look at different cases in the U.S., and compare numbers found in this research. In conclusion, I plan to compare these numbers and cases and decide whether there is really gender equality in our legal system. Whether women are equally represented and equally heard in their trials. I don’t plan to focus on outcomes of these trials just whether or not men and women are receiving the same treatment in their trials.

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AlexCourtney

East Central University

From "I Do" to "You're Fired!": A comparison of LGBTQ+ Political and Legal Strategies in the United States.

In the United States, you can get married to your same-sex partner one day and fired for being gay the next day. Historically LGBTQ+ people have been given their rights through the Privacy Clause found in the Fourteenth Amendment. That was until gay marriage was legalized nationwide using the Equal Protection Clause. This presentation will explore the legal precedence of firing someone for being LGBTQ+ along with the past and present political advocacy strategies for LGBTQ+ anti-discrimination laws. The research will show why an Employment Non-Discrimination case hasn't been ruled on by the Supreme Court and why Congress and many state legislatures haven't created statutes protecting LGBTQ+ people.

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BaileyMcKay

Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Upholding the Status Quo: An Analysis of the 2018 Alabama Governor's Election

The totality of conservative control in Alabama is comprehensive, encompassing partisan offices from the local level through the governorship and all state and national representatives, excluding a surprise upset when Democrats won the vacant senate seat after President Trump called Jeff Sessions to Washington to serve as Attorney General. This state of affairs did not happen in a short period of time. Conservatism has its roots in the deep south before the modern political system, as will be discussed later. These roots cemented Republican control in Alabama politics to such a degree, that over time, it has made it extremely difficult to challenge Republicans on any level. As a result, is it of no surprise that the Democratic candidate failed to win the 2018 Governor's election.

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MychalBarnett

East Central University

The Role of Water as a Cultural Resource in the Seminole Tribe of Oklahoma

This research explores how water is used as a cultural resource or if it is, when making water policy. I will focus on the Seminole Tribe of Oklahoma. I hypothesize that the cultural values are very important when making water policy. I will test my hypothesis relying on qualitative methodology and interview the cultural experts of this tribe. This is important because it will prove that the Seminole tribe takes the history of the tribe into consideration when making water policy.

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LillyanPalmer

East Central University

Water Policy in the Caddo Nation: How Cultural Values Affect Water Policy Making

This research explores the degree to which Native American tribes in Oklahoma incorporate cultural values when making water policy. I will focus on the Caddo Nation of Oklahoma. I hypothesize that the Caddo Nation of Oklahoma considers cultural values when making water policy. To test my hypothesis, I will rely on qualitative methodology and interview tribal officials. This research is important because it will help to demonstrate how tribal water policy making occurs in an Oklahoma tribe.

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AndrewKelly

East Central University

Water Policy in the Caddo Nation: Does culture matter?

This research focuses on the water policy that the Caddo Nation has instated and its relation to the cultural values the Nation possesses. I posit that the Caddo Nation's water policy is influenced by those cultural values. To investigate this, qualitative measures will be used along with personal interviews of members of the Caddo Nation.

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YoselynDominguez-Valdez

Southwestern Oklahoma State University

INFLUENCE OF SOCIAL MEDIA ON THE ELECTION OF ALEXANDRA OCASIO-CORTEZ

This presentation will analyze the 2018 midterm election race for the then-candidate for District 14's seat in House of Representatives, Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez. It will analyze the influence that social media had on Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez's campaign by first, considering how it helped her gain momentum during her race as a populist candidate, and second, how this could impact the Democratic Party. She was a front runner since announcing her candidacy and astonishingly beat out incumbent Joe Crowley. Her social media presence and her appeal to the Hispanic demographic of Queens and the Bronx paved the way for her success. Her social media presence has helped increased her popularity on the left and has created significant turmoil among supporters on the right. It is still soon to determine if there will be a lasting impact on the Democratic party; however, it has spiked a trend in social media involvement from other legislators. Data were gathered through media and newspaper articles and as well as polling results.

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CamdonMaydew

Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Effective Gun Control

Today many are calling for more strict regulations on guns. I will describe some of the laws that are already in place to help limit death and destruction and whether these laws are effective or not. I will also describe some laws that could be potentially more effective and what difficulties there could be in implementing these laws.

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DylanPennello

Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Common Law V Sharia Law

In this years Political Science Oklahoma Research Day, I shall be constructing my poster and presentation over the commonalities and differences among the common law and sharia laws in different countries. I will be discussing the pros and cons of both laws in an attempt to determine which of the laws, if not a combination of both, have the best effect on stopping or deterring criminal offenses. I will further discuss the use of different heights of punishments when it comes to a capital offense or even a simple criminal offense. In the use of different laws, we will notice a change in degree of criminality over different offenses and how the government handles the predicament of a situation and that its what I am going to do my research over.

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AaronCornell

Southwestern Oklahoma State University

An Examination of the 2018 Illinois Governor Race

During the 2018 Midterm elections, Democrat J.B. Pritzker comfortably defeated Republican incumbent Bruce Rauner by a margin of over 15% to become Governor of Illinois. The margin by which Pritzker defeated Rauner disguised how competitive and complicated this race actually was. The Illinois Governor race illustrated many of the modern issues in American politics ranging from racial tensions, to negative attack ads and big money. This project explored how these major factors effected the outcome of the gubernatorial election. It also highlighted other issues effecting the State of Illinois including; budget crises, years of persistent violent crime, and multiple corruption scandals. This project's presentation also provided visuals of state demographics, voting maps, and the amounts of money spent by both the major party candidates.

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BrittanyCano

Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Journalism: Shifting How Americans View Politics.

In this presentation, we will contributing to the conversation of how journalism has changed the way Americans view politics. The purpose of this presentation is to discussion how journalism, biased and false new pieces are contributing to the ever growing divide between Americans. This will include statistics from Pew Research Center and other research and authors who have went great lengths to contribute to this conversation as well.

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CatherineVaughn-Hetzel

East Central University

Title: Adoption Equality for All: An Analysis of State Law

Abstract: In this paper I will talk about adoption rights for LGBTQ individuals in the United States and how it affects both the children and the applicants. I will be looking at how adoption differs for each state. For example, I examine whether the state allows second parent rights and whether the state allows a LGBTQ couple to perform step parent adoptions. I discuss the Constitutionality of adoption rights under the doctrine of privacy and the role that religion plays in state adoption laws. Although support for the LGBTQ community has gone up significantly there are few laws to stop discrimination and protect LGBTQ individuals on their quest to become parents.

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DannyTiger

East Central University

Seminole Nation of Oklahoma's Tribal Culture Impact on Water Policy.

This research explores the degree to which the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma incorporates cultural values when making water policy. I hypothesize that the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma considers cultural values when making water policy. To test my hypothesis, I will rely on qualitative methodology and interview tribal officials, elders, and leaders. This research is important because it will help demonstrate how tribal water policy making occurs in the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma.

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MichaelMills

Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Impact of the Bible in America

This presentation will analyze the various laws in America and their relationship to Biblical principles and laws. The analysis will demonstrate the close relationship between American justice and ideals found in the Torah. The presentation will show the Judeo-Christian roots of many American laws as well as the impact of Old Testament ideals on American Justice from historical to current perspectives. The research will further analyze the impact of the Old Testament on American political beliefs and American lawmaking and demonstrate the change in America's adherence to these Biblical ideas.

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MellissaTelena

East Central University

Tribal water policy in Oklahoma with emphasis on cultural ways.

Research question: Water policy between the native tribes of Oklahoma and state regulations?

H1: The Choctaw tribe will seek rights to water in order to protect their cultural rights with water.

This paper examines how they will incorporate their cultural views and ways into water policies. I will focus on the Choctaw tribe of Oklahoma and their culture with water. I will be doing this by visiting tribe council members along with other members of the tribe. Doing extensive research on the water policies from court cases and documents will also be a big guide in my water policy project poster and paper.

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JacobRiddle

East Central University

The Five Southeastern Tribes: How They Help You

This research explores what public services the tribes offer to non-tribal people. I will focus on the five southeastern tribes of Oklahoma.I hypothesize that the tribes offer public services to non-tribal people. To test the hypothesis, I will build a database of public information to evaluate how tribes benefit non-tribal people.