**Composition of Congress Project**

**Question:**  Is Congress a TRUE representation of the US population?

**Task Overview**

* You will look at the composition of **BOTH** Houses of Congress.
* You need to:
	+ find and analyze statistics
	+ assess if Congress is representative
	+ examine whether Congress should be a microcosm of society

**Task Specifics**

* Based on your research, develop a written response to the question and determine if it is necessary for your sub-group to have an equal representation in Congress (by %) to be adequately represented.
	+ Written response MUST be typed (Times New Roman, 12pt font, Double-spaced)
	+ Length Minimum: 2 pages (No more than half should be your research; your conclusions should make up the majority of your response)
	+ All sources MUST be cited according to APA format.
* Create a visual **digital** display of your data & conclusion(s) (PowerPoint, Prezi, Google Slides). If a group or a sub-group is underrepresented; provide some reasons/conclusions for this occurrence as determined by your research. \*\*Cite ALL data sources\*\*
* Submit the written response and presentation to me through Edmodo.
* Be prepared to discuss your findings with the rest of the class..

**What are you looking at??**

1. Socio-economic background (education, “class”)
2. Age
3. Gender
4. Race and/or ethnicity
5. Religion
6. Sexual orientation
7. Disabilities (Accident/injury versus genetic)

**HINT**: Find national statistics and compare these with Congress (e.g. % of women in population compared with % of women in House, % of women in Senate, % of women in Congress overall).

**Time**: You have **ONE WEEK** – this is due by Wednesday December 16, 2015 at 1:15pm.

**Grading**:

* Written Response and Presentation: TEST GRADE