**RA – WEISS**

**MODERN DAY CIVIL RIGHTS STRUGGLES.**

You will be working in small groups to learn more about a modern day civil rights struggle. As you conduct your research on one of the following civil rights struggles of today, your exploration about the topic will culminate in a small group presentation to the class. You will need to identify and focus on a minimum of 1 advocacy group with a maximum of 2 being covered.

**Requirements:**

You will need to read and summarize for me at least three articles about the topic you chose as well as read / research the website of the primary organization leading the work.

The presentation should address the following questions:

* What is the situation or injustice that the group is working on?
* What is the position of each side of the debate?
* What are the demands and possible solutions being expressed by the people impacted by the issue?
* Share a compelling or poignant story (or quote) that reflects the need for action.
* What strategies are being used to influence change?
* Compare and contrast the similarities and differences to the farmworkers movement of the 1960s.
* What progress has been made and what still needs to be done?

**Possible topics to cover** (I have included websites and information for some organizations, but you will need to do additional research to find the opposing view and can also find other groups)

Website with overall list of **Political Groups, Movements and Organizations in the United States**

<https://www.keele.ac.uk/depts/por/usbase.groups.htm>

* **Immigration:**
  + <http://fairimmigration.org/>
  + <http://unitedwedream.org/about/our-missions-goals/>
* **Voting Rights:** a movement to protect and expand the freedom to vote through litigation, legislation and voter education.
  + <http://reclaimtheamericandream.org/organizations-vote/>
  + <http://www.fairelectionsnetwork.com/>
* **Minimum Wage:**
  + <http://reclaimtheamericandream.org/organizations-wages/>
* **Mass Incarceration:** 
  + <http://brokenonallsides.com/activism.php>
  + <http://genup.net/connect/action-portal?id=101>
  + <http://newjimcrow.com/take-action>
* **Education:** Public Education/ School Reform / Charter Schools / Voucher Programs
  + <http://stand.org/national/about>
  + <http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2012/05/16/31adv-overview_ep.h31.html>
* **Mental Health:**
  + <http://www.namicolorado.org/>
* **Environment** (Oil and Gas / Climate Change / Recycle / Etc.)
  + <https://350.org/>
  + <http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/> (Keystone Pipeline)