

2021 Project Details

The 2021 Youth Advisory Council will utilize comparative political analysis to understand how the United States can improve outcomes by incorporating best practices from other nations that have a comparable advantage to United States.

Students should indicate their top three policy interests based on the list below to help our team determine groupings. Once we determine the number of groups, each group will analyze the policy issue by researching another country that does comparatively better than the United States in that specific area. The practice of comparative politics is a valuable tool for governments, think tanks, and businesses alike.

The policy areas that the Congressman has identified as priorities for this project are:

- **Gun Violence Prevention**
- **Renewable Energy and Sustainable Economies**
- **Educational Performance**
- **Workforce Development, Productivity, and Training**
- **Healthcare Access and Affordability**
- **Modernization of Government Practices**

Each group will be tasked with analyzing one policy, focusing on one country for comparison. Groups will identify a specific policy implemented that has a significant impact on their comparative success and consider what cultural, economic, societal, or political explanations can explain the different experiences.

Upon analysis, groups will provide examples of how the United States may be able to make policy choices that would improve our success in these policy areas by learning from others.

2021 Schedule

The schedule will be solidified by mid-May, but in addition to small group meetings, students should expect one meeting with the Congressman in June, two with staff in June and July, and a final meeting with the Congressman to present findings in August. The schedule may change due to shifts in the Congressional calendar, voting schedule, or other unforeseen circumstances.

The Congressman's staff will alert you of changes as soon as possible. If you have pre-existing commitments this summer, please let the coordinator know as soon as possible so that it can be taken into consideration.