



## **"Civics 101" – Cycle 52 – Class #2 – 32/23**

Music: "Peace Train" by Cat Stevens/Yusuf Islam, suggested by Lynetta Currie - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sdq4T3iRV80>

### **Chicago 2023 Elections!**

- Results of the city election - Vallas = 173,630 Johnson = 104,306
- <https://thetriibe.com/chicago-elections-2023/#more-reading>
- <https://www.chicagotribune.com/politics/elections/ct-chicago-municipal-election-2023-candidate-votes-by-ward-precinct-20230301-kofelvx67feytcy3wrcrc67dkqe-story.html>
- 32% turnout - why so low?
- People don't understand value of local elections!
- But - All politics is local!
- Which ward (neighborhood) had turnout over 50%? ->19<sup>th</sup> Ward, far southwest side|
- For complete turnout results, see Chicago Board of Elections at <https://chicagoelections.gov/en/election-results.asp?election=241>

### **"Put Out the Fire" Assignment**

- <http://www.tinyurl.com/C52-Assignment> - For your final project (March 15) you will deliver a PowerPoint presentation of six minutes with the following elements:
  - Your name/Cycle #
  - What is your Burning Issue
  - Present at least two data slides or graphs that demonstrate the urgency of this issue - at least 1 slide to show the extent of the issue, at least 1 slide to show trend (to show what will happen if this issue is NOT addressed)
    - Find 3 groups working on this issue in the USA -> 1 group in Chicago, 1 group that deals with the POLICY implications of your issue, 1 group that is active and urgent around your issue. Include URLs in your presentation.
    - What is your solution to this issue? Include text and bullet points and images to bring your proposed solution to life.

### **30 min "Civic Chat Office Hours" w. Tom via Zoom**

- Just use Calendly -> <http://www.tinyurl.com/Zoom-w-Tom>

### **What Do We Mean By Public?**

- Alberto - community
- Gio - For the people
- Teanna - for everyone
- open source = freely available
- Vulnerable - open for all = available = accessible
- Lynetta - library
- Claudia - public library
- Available to all = land = parks
- Teanna - community centers
- Claudia - public domain
- Olivia - libraries
- Kat - Greater Good
- Public in Chicago = pools in summer
- What is biggest piece of public?
- Marini -schools
- What is the connection between COVID and public?
- Olivia - public safety

- Public access impacted - mass transit
- Where public health services adequate? Did our public health service meet the challenge?

### **The "Pay To Spray" Case**

- New clip = <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=majRyEUXSc> (4 min)
- Should they put out the fire?
- Can you pay as you go?
- Reginald - Personally, I totally agree with the firefighters actions.
- OK to let the pets die?
- Is it the same to compare w ambulance?
- Reginald - I don't think so. Difference between the value of human life vs property
- What about insurance?
- Andre - no insurance no money

### **Arguments That They *Should* Have Put Fire Out**

- Obligation of kindness required
- First responders are public servants - supposed to HELP
- Money should not enter into it - supposed to help
- Moral obligation to help - as public servant - they were watching
- Lack of funds should NOT have held the firemen back
- Jeffrey - I got u dre .. ill back you up bro
- Keanu - Me too dre
- If you let one burn down, could catch to other homes.
- Alayna - \$75 over someone's potential life
- Issue of community connection - should one person's bad choice endanger others?
- Human life at risk
- Do we need to always stick to the rules - can we bend or ignore them?

### **Arguments That They *Should NOT* Have Put Fire Out**

- Person CHOSE to not pay
- The rule was clear - folks KNEW what the \$ was for
- Your taxes cover public services.
- Must be equal policies for ALL. Can't have situation were we are (or someone) is picking and choosing who gets what services/rights
- Got to invest in the system - it will take care of you
- Got to pay for Netflix...
- Our taxes cover all the fees/salaries for the police, etc.
- Reginald - Nothing in life is free
- Insurance is \$ - don't get it for free. So, if you choose to operate without the insurance = "willing to take the risk"
- What about people who can't afford?
- Reginald - Group economics is often a good solution for those without. Utilize your family and your network. That's the value of relationships Loni!
- Values come before policy.
- If you WANT the service - how do we pay for it?
- Lyneeta - Tenn has no income tax! They pride themselves on being about "freedom" But, if you underfund stuff - that bill comes due!
- Public services require distribution of \$!



### **What is the Number One Civic Heart Quality?**

- Empathy FIRST - in order to care, and help!
- Value - idea that we must value people before things. Values should drive policies
- justice not racism.

- Know your values/surface them.
- Must be unified - protect the heart
- Heart = feelings - that you fight for. Need the Brain in here to help defend/balance
- **Heart first - then brain**
- Love is #1
- All you need is love...What is "love"?
- Love = compassion, sacrifice, complicated
- Love = unconditional
- Giving
- Willingness to sacrifice...
- love is empathy
- love-compromise
- love = action
- love is forgiveness
- make the choice at every opportunity

**Leadership - please share examples**

- Reginald - Marcus Garvey
- Jeffrey - Andre McDavid is an absolute great leader
- Lynetta - Shirley Chisholm
- Marini - Pat Dowell
- Loni - HUEY P. NEWTON
- Teanna - Malcolm X
- Andre - Genghis Khan
- Keanu - Fred Hampton
- Keanu - Tupac
- Keanu - Muhammad Ali
- Kishawna - Nelson Mandela
- Truman - Jordan Peterson

**Qualities of leaders?**

- Malcolm X empowered the community - which means, what?
- Motivated to fight
- Organized, teaching, doing
- Mandella's qualities =
- Led fight against racism - national leader - poise - grounded
- They could not shake him, was a rock
- icon of sacrifice!
- Radiated love
- Williness to walk the walk

**Desmond Tutu on Servant Leadership - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IrCeVwwu0Xc>**

- For the sake of the led...
- Not seeking profit or glory....
- DO we all have to "suffer"?
- The great leader is INSPIRING - inspires folks to do - to be - to hope...
- The great leader somehow represents the best that is in the people - their aspirations.
- Here are the Seven Pillars of Servant-Leadership. We will return to these qualities in other sessions. <https://pm-powerconsulting.com/blog/seven-pillars-of-servant-leadership>

**Civic Brain**

- What stuff should we know?
- Community - who is there - demographics, such as Needs, wants, facts
  - How to communicate/listen
  - Know yourself - figure yourself out - basics - how you work, where you come from

- Cycle of Liberation -  
<https://geography.washington.edu/sites/geography/files/documents/harro-cycle-of-liberation.pdf>
- Critical thinking - media literacy - How you process info
- Media literacy - know who is telling truth - processing info carefully
- Everyone should have a b.s. detector, that is, be able to detect when people are lying to you
- Policies & laws - who makes them, how they happen
- History and context,
- Statistics - History - Innovation - Education
- Collect facts, display, visualize -> trends
- We measure what matters
- Know level of political involvement - % voting, etc. Know the cultural of the community.
- Asking, observing, learning, remembering.
  
- Next class: Civic Muscle