

Editor's Introduction

This eleventh edition of *Res Publica* is a tribute to the great diversity of scholarly works of political science produced by students of Illinois Wesleyan University. Students in many classes, both within the Political Science department and in other fields, are required to write substantial empirical analyses. The essays in this journal represent the very best papers written for a variety of different courses at IWU.

This year's volume continues the tradition of publishing original student papers. The research articles and essay presented here draw from some of the numerous sub-fields of Political Science including political economy, legislative processes, comparative politics, public policy, and political thought. Moreover, all of these works contain a contemporary element that makes them relevant to today's world.

The authors spent a great deal of time preparing these essays both for class and for publication. In addition, this journal is highly indebted to the IWU Political Science faculty. Without the wisdom and skill they demonstrate in teaching students not what to think but how to think, the original work contained in this volume could not have been created. Special thanks to the three assistant editors, our faculty advisor Kathleen Montgomery, and Student Senate for making this publication possible.

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