

Reflecting on project citizen: School start time

1. The purpose of Government is Providing General Welfare
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 - We exercised the right to share our opinions on public policy and advocate for changes.
 - We exercised our right to make improvements on prominent issues in the community.
 - We used freedom of speech to share our research for school start time.
 - We responsibly verified and checked ourselves through researching multiple sources of varying opinions.
 - We used multiple sources and websites to discover all the alternative solutions and come to a conclusion of which worked best for our policy.
 - We ensured that our policy solution did not interfere with the rights of American Citizens.
3. Our proposed policy helps promote the common good by allowing students to obtain an adequate amount of sleep needed to be successful in all areas of life.
4. We found that at the national level, Congress is responsible for making laws.
The president is responsible for carrying out or administering laws at the national level.
The state would enforce laws.
Local and state agencies would be responsible for managing disputes over the application of laws in the community.
Congress would be responsible for disclosing the actions of the government at the national level.
State agencies are responsible for making sure public offices use the due process of law.
5. We invited Mr. Teddy Stewart, the Attendance Director for the Monongalia County school system, to speak to us about his role, responsibilities, and his opinion on our proposed public policy. He gave us insight regarding the impact this policy may have on many aspects of the school system, from attendance to teacher and student satisfaction and success.
6. The purposes and interests of each of the groups and organizations that also research our problem are to promote the health and well-being of children across the country. These groups, one of which is the American Psychological Association, determined through extensive research and their expert background that starting school later would be more beneficial to students. The advantages that people gain from joining those groups are insight into various aspects of health and well-being, not just for students, but for all. These groups play a critical role in our democracy because they share their expert opinions with the public and lawmakers, eventually leading to more informed laws.
7. The values and principles of promoting the common good and a representative government are reflected in our project. Our project promotes the common good because it is a fact that more sleep correlates with student success in many aspects of their school life. A representative government is reflected in our project as well because we are hoping that our government will back and implement our policy.

8. The attitudes and character traits that are important to a constitutional democracy that were related to the experiences we had in fulfilling the tasks of Project Citizen are individual responsibility, self-discipline, civility, courage, respect for the rights of other individuals, open-mindedness, dissent, negotiation and compromise, persistence, civic-mindedness, compassion and patriotism.
9. As a group, we improved our research and literary skills, as well as our ability to engage in discourse with peers. The advantages of working collaboratively include splitting a hefty workload, sharing ideas and opinions, boosting productivity, and a diverse set of skills. There aren't many disadvantages to work collaboratively, if any at all. We decorated our board really well and provided quality research as well as an engaging discussion of our policy. Improving our researching skills even more would be helpful if we were to participate in activities like Project Citizen again because it would provide more plentiful and quality information for us to use as a basis for our project.