

Assembly - Organization is Crucial

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The compilation of my research is coming towards its completion: our Research Showcase is fast approaching! Because of this, I have worked to format and organize my research this week in a way that benefits both me in acknowledging how concepts within my research are related as well as the audience in better understanding key topics with its fluid presentation. As such, I have realized that a consistent format and clear goal is critical to finding success in organizing an idea.

In an attempt to work towards a more uniform format for my research, I have looked to better organize my ISM Binder in preparation for my Research Presentation this week. Because of this, I had to understand on a deeper level a format that would appeal to both the in-depth discussion of public policy seen in Research Assessments to the overarching framework that exists at the beginning of the binder. These varying sections led me to understanding a specific framework that would capitalize on the strengths of each component of my research, and has aided me in realizing the extent the significance that such organization has in projecting these strengths to an audience.

Not only that, but such organization in preparation for my Research Presentation has allowed me to fall back on and understand how to more easily convey my overarching goal underlined in my mission statement: amplifying political awareness and action in the community. As I progressed in preparations for the presentation, I realized that I must connect certain topics with an interrelated theme of civic duty and American values that flow in our society today to better empower my audience to act.