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# UnBiasedVote

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The question or issue for my project is

⇒ **scope**: I need to limit the size of my project (which is done with starting with a basic wire framing)

⇒ **sourcing**: I need good sources of information for the project

⇒ **I need to know what information I am going to include in the site**

**A. Election dates:**

- a. Federal
- b. State
- c. Local

**B. Politicians Information:** (voting records, criminal records)

- a. Senate
- b. House
- c. Local

**C. Financing in politics:**

- a. Who is owned by which lobby's

**D. Important topics presented in Pro con lists:**

The goal is to provide pros and cons and not take sides on important topics. Have a What info is important to you page.

Things that directly affect political elections	Domestic Campaign issues (affecting apathetic voters)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gerrymandering</li><li>• Campaign financing</li><li>• Lobbying</li><li>• Term Limits</li><li>• Lowering the Voting age</li><li>• Voter Suppression</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Education</li><li>• Healthcare</li><li>• Minimum Wage</li><li>• Taxes</li><li>• Climate change</li><li>• Abortion and birth control</li><li>• Gun laws</li><li>• Religion /Separation of C &amp; S</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Net Neutrality</li> <li>• Science and innovation for the future (The war on science) ex(<a href="http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/science/">http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/science/</a>)</li> </ul>
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### Source 1: I side with polling

"America's most popular voting guide for elections, political issues, candidates, and poll data."  
ISideWith, [www.isidewith.com/](http://www.isidewith.com/).

I have chosen I side with because this site has helped to answer questions about what information should be included in the website. I would like to include information about the most relevant topics in politics today. Not only ones that are popular on television, but also ones that perhaps are not as popular but affect voting in the united states. Things like gerrymandering ect. These are topics that can are being used unfairly to affect outcomes of elections. I think the people who are most apathetic about voting should be informed of things like this. Perhaps it will inspire them to vote, or get them inspired enough to call their representatives so that everyone can have an equal vote eventually.

### Source 2: PRO CON

"Pros and Cons of Controversial Issues." ProConorg Headlines. Accessed December 16, 2017.  
<https://www.procon.org/>.

I like this format of presenting information, I think this format is quick concise to the point and easy to read through. If information about talking points is presented in a way such as this and then delves into more information later those who are usually bored with or overwhelmed by the amount of voting information might choose to read through it in a different way.

(<https://forum.myrcon.com/showthread.php?1160-Plugin-API-2-0>)

### Source 3: Lobbying

"Data on Campaign Finance, Super PACs, Industries, and Lobbying." OpenSecrets. Accessed October 24, 2017. <http://www.opensecrets.org/>.

I chose this source again because showing who is bought in an election or in elected officials tells a voter a lot about who their representative will be or is. This is a very important service that should be presented across the internet in an easy to view and search manner. Open secrets does it but there is a lot of information on their site.

### Source 4: Reasoning behind Apathy

"Gallup, Inc. "Voters, Especially Independents, Lack Interest in Election." Gallup.com. November 04, 2014. Accessed December 18, 2017. <http://news.gallup.com/poll/179147/voters-especially-independents-lack-interest-election.aspx>."

This is a great source for the project because it gives details about why voters might be apathetic. It was very helpful in changing some information around and restyling the website so that information which was most relevant for the intended user was presented.

I was going to have APIs but I think it better to have sources giving reasons as to why voters are so apathetic.

**Important also: Apis**

"About the Data on GovTrack.us." GovTrack.us. Accessed October 24, 2017.

<https://www.govtrack.us/about-our-data>.

(<https://www.usvotefoundation.org/Civic-Data-API>)

(<https://developers.google.com/civic-information/>)

(<https://api.data.gov/>)