POVs and Experience Prototypes

CS147 Studio: Digital Democracy







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Political Education in Gen Z

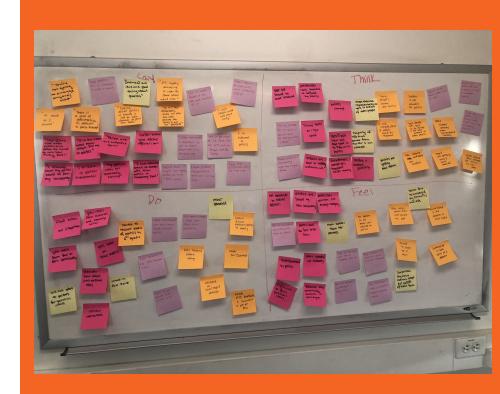
Initial POV



We met **Christie**, a sophomore at Stanford from Menlo Park, whose father used to be a local politician, but does not consider herself politically engaged. We were amazed to realize that she relies on her parents to tell her who to vote for. It would be game-changing to empower young and first-time voters to make their own decisions on who to vote for.

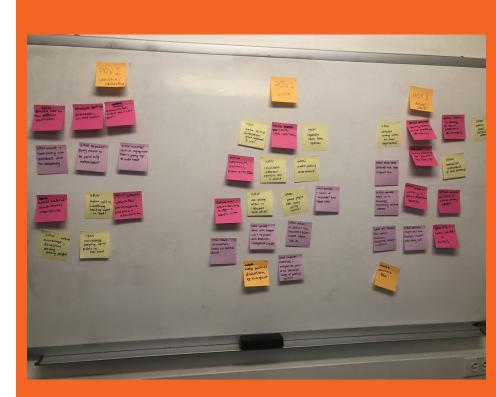
3 Additional Interviews

Giulia, Sejal, and Arjun



POV Development

Samantha, Giulia, and Arjun



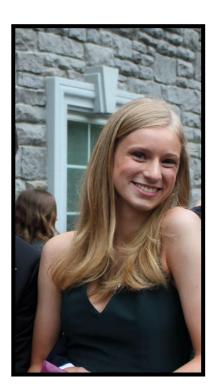
POV 1: Samantha



We met **Samantha**, a junior at UC Santa Barbara, studying CS. She struggles with who to vote for and feels pressure from her family and friends. She is not involved with politics, does not know who her senators and representatives are. We were **amazed to realize** that she especially struggled with who to vote for within the Democratic Party. She thinks that they all seem to be advocating for the same thing. It would **be game-changing to** educate her on the differences between the political candidates and who would best advocate for her.

HMW make politics fun and something Gen Z cares about?

POV 2: Giulia



We met **Giulia**, an 18 year old freshman at Stanford. She is very much disenfranchised with politics, mainly because she feels like politics today is too radical and is an echochamber of the same views. She does not claim to be politically interested, but knows her local politics and national politics well. We were **amazed to realize** that she reads a variety of news sources in order to get different political perspectives. She reads liberal (NYT), conservative (Breitbart), and moderate news sources to do so. It would **be game-changing to** have people learn about various different perspectives in order to make political conversations more informed and civil.

HMW use young voters to educate each other?

POV 3: Arjun



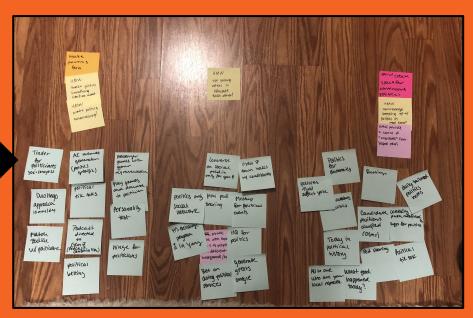
- We met Arjun, a sophomore at the University of Washington studying CS. He considers himself a product of his surroundings and upbringing in the Seattle area. He does not feel like many people with his academic interests are also interested in politics. We were amazed to realize that he felt like he had no power in the political process. It would be game changing to make people realize the power of their votes, in both local and national politics.

HMW encourage continuous, fact-based engagement?

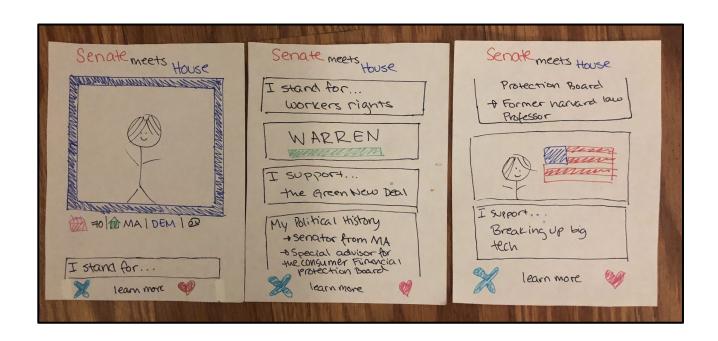
Experience Prototypes

Brainstorming





PROTOTYPE 1: Senate Meets House



Senate Meets House

Assumption

 Fun, not inherently political activities can make political engagement more accessible

Positives

- Delightful
- Easy to use
- Useful in deciding between candidates in the same party

Negatives

- Too casual/not informative enough
- No continuous updating

PROTOTYPE 2: Choose Your Policy!



Choose your Policy! Report ➤ Inbox ×
Raina Vinita Kolluri to me ▼ Hi Keerti!
Thank you for filling out our form. Here is the information you requested! You live in: 2461 Hilgard Ave, Berkeley, CA 94709
You are in California's 13th Congressional District! You are a part of <u>Alameda County!</u>
Your Senators are: Diane Feinstein (D) Kamala Harris (D)
Your House Representative(s) are: Barbara Lee (D)
The topics you were interested in were environment/sustainability and education. Read more about the solar plan proposal in your county. Read more about the special vote approaching in your county.
Raina Kolluri

Choose Your Policy

Assumption

 Making politics personalized would make people more interested

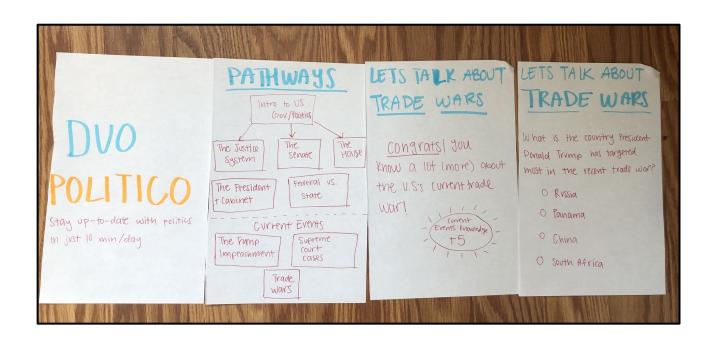
Positives

- Informative
- Quick and faster than reading newspaper articles
- Tailored information

Negatives

- No motivation to complete
- "Out of the way" of daily routine

PROTOTYPE 3: DuoPolitico



DuoPolitico

Assumption

 People will engage more if they can get educated quickly

Positives

- Easy to use
- Useful in deciding between candidates in the same party

Negatives

- Too casual/not informative enough
- Too much time
- No continuous updating
- Out of the way

Key Takeaways

Thank you!