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LFI Week 2  
Democratic Information Session

When planning an information session regarding the use of CCTV, I would find a moderator with experience dealing with town halls or debates. Since the use of surveillance technology can be a somewhat controversial topic, I think it's important to have someone that can calmly handle a room. My approach would be to handle an information session like a panel discussion with representatives for and against the use of CCTV, and a moderator guiding the process. Additionally, it is very important to involve members of the community by allowing people to ask questions.

Finding knowledgeable and professional speakers is crucial. I would start by reaching out to local chapters of the ACLU and representatives from local organizations that work with at-risk communities, such as the [Guatemalan-Maya Center](#), [El Sol](#), [Florida Immigrant Coalition](#), and others. Next I would reach out to county or city officials that are advocating for CCTV or currently use CCTV. I would avoid directly involving local law enforcement officials, as they are intrinsically biased and their presence could dissuade members of the community from attending. Ultimately, the goal is to have an open and honest debate about surveillance technology.

Personally, I like the idea of holding an information session at a library or community center that either currently uses or is planning on using CCTV. This would allow members of that community to voice their concern (or support) directly to the decision makers. However, the most important thing is that attendees are given accurate and reliable information that they can use to engage their local officials. For this reason, I would take the information presented in our Week 2 discussion, as well as information provided by this session, to create informational material that people could reference when needed. This would also allow those that could not attend a chance to still learn from the event.

Finally, we would need to advertise this information session. Flyers could be put up at the hosting location, as well as nearby community centers and libraries. Additionally, I would reach out to the aforementioned organizations to advertise to their communities and members. The information session could also be advertised on social media, including the host location, and any other stakeholders' accounts. I would also reach out to local media, including the local papers (including the Spanish and Creole papers), local radio stations (including the Spanish and Creole stations), and local TV stations (Spanish and Creole as well). It is vital in South Florida that any discussion of CCTV include our Hispanic and Haitian community members. So, any advertising will need to be translated to Spanish and Creole. Additionally, working with local Hispanic and Haitian churches is a great way to advertise and reach these communities.