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**Portfolio Piece: Health Care Survey**

**Project Description**

 To begin this project, I first made up a list of questions. These questions were compatible with either a person with health insurance or a person without health insurance. One question I made up for a person with health insurance was ‘what does your health insurance plan consist of’. One question I made up for a person without health insurance was ‘does being uninsured affect your family’. After the lists of questions were done, I had six for the insured person and four for the uninsured person. Then, I chose two people in my family to give the survey forms to. Once they answered the questions, I had them each sign the paper and date it, showing proof that I completed the project on time. When I got back to school, I discussed my answers with a group. In my group, we discussed our answers and question choices. We soon found out that many of our questions were leading to the same point. For example, both Amanda and I asked what provider the insured volunteer got their insurance from. While discussing the answers, we found that out our parents have the same health care provider, which is Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Rhode Island.

**Habit of Mind**

 I think this project shows the habit of mind called collaboration. Collaboration is the ability to work with others to accomplish a goal. This project shows collaboration because I worked with my family members, Amanda, and Nathan to see how health insurance affects the lives of others. While trying to get my mother and aunt to fill out the survey, I had to set a time to meet with them so I could get the paper back as soon as possible. I knew that if I left it with them, I would have to print another one either because it was lost or ruined. Another reason this shows collaboration is because of my work with Amanda and Nathan. I helped to keep the conversation going while we talked in class. Whenever someone seemed to have nothing to say, I would spice up the conversation with an opinion of my own, or an interesting answer from my sheet. So, I show collaboration because I worked with multiple people to get a good end product and knowledge of health care’s affect.

**GSE**

 The GSE this project meets is GSE C&G 4 (9-12) - 1e. This GSE states that I must “demonstrate an understanding of political systems and political processes by analyzing multiple perspectives on a historical or current controversial issue.” This means that I must be able to understand political systems by viewing many sides of an issue. I demonstrate this GSE because I analyzed different perspectives of an issue while discussing the results of the survey in class. After gathering all the information I needed, I headed into class with it. With Amanda and Nathan, I looked at multiple different answers for questions. For example, I learned that people with health insurance have health insurance for similar reasons. They want their bills to be less costly. Also, people without health insurance do not have it for similar reasons. For example, people may be unemployed, and getting insurance on their own could be extremely expensive. Seeing how different groups of people respond to similar questions helped me meet this GSE because I now know how different people have dissimilar opinions on the same subject.