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Reflection

Throughout the extensive study, I spent most of the entire semester learning and writing in a format that I am not entirely used to at the moment. I have been required to write essays that will accumulatively result in one large research report. I had to participate in actions that require talking to the community and surveying their actions and opinions for this study. But what took most of my attention was the idea that I had taken up a political subject that I would have avoided any other time, law and government.

The question that I had centered my research around was whether or not the people of the CNMI wish to become a state or not. Becoming a state meant being recognized and allowed to have an electoral vote for U.S. presidency, meaning that we, as a community, would be counted and able to participate when choosing the presidential candidate. I chose this topic because I had seen a certain video within the internet had sparked my interest due to it being concerned with the Northern Mariana Islands. This video discussed the issue that revolved around the lack of attention that the territories, such as Puerto Rico, Guam, America Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands, etc. And since most of the people within Saipan don’t exactly think or discuss about topics such as this, I brought it upon myself to enlighten my community. There were at times where I had lost interest within the topic as it had to deal with 100 years of history to go through. However, through sheer will power and perseverance, I had been able to finish the essay and share it with my colleagues.

The results from my surveys and questionnaire of CNMI statehood were expected due to the younger generation having no faith on our local government. For years I have always heard malice about the CNMI government and it had brightly shown from the analytics of my questionnaires. What surprised me was getting a response from the “letter-to-experts” that I sent out. The professor that responded had greatly helped with me essay and I couldn’t be more thankful.

From all my experience as a student, all my English teachers had me write a research essay towards the end of the course. However, this class had me take a different route. This class had required me to essentially write my research essay throughout the entire course. And I must say that it had been a learning experience!

The entire had been challenging to say the least. This research essay had been very interactive and required me to work outside of school for my information. But I cannot deny that I had enjoyed the learning experience as well as the company of my colleagues within this EN202 class!