

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatuhallahi Wa Barakahtuhu,

Welcome to my presentation. I am Saad Haider, a student that is interested in taking a major in computer science / programming and a minor in creative writing. On that note, my hobbies happen to be reading and writing fiction, particularly young adult fantasy, and I have an emerging collection of short stories and novels that I plan to eventually publish. I've also done some poetry on the side. Outside of reading and writing, I also take interest in history, philosophy, and the different kinds of religion.

My project, "To Vote Wisely," covers the subject of uninformed voting in America, how it manifests, what it does, and what can be done to curb it. Uninformed voting isn't a commonly mentioned problem in the American government, with emphasis placed on those who do not vote instead. I've written my paper to address the matter. As for my product, I arranged for MIA a field trip with the MMCC, or Michigan Muslim Community Council, to their Capitol Day 2020 event in April. The event will allow students to attend workshops, lectures, and activities that relate with civics and government, and I hope it will inspire them to take time into taking their role as citizens in America seriously.

It's been an impressive experience for me, what with all the different problems within America that I've been enlightened about and mentioned in my paper (for example, how deeply partisan bias divides the U.S., and how powerful bandwagoning is). I know that my product has yet to occur, but I can assure you that the people at MMCC do a wonderful job at organizing their Capitol Day events. On that note, thank you for coming to listen to my project.

-Saad Haider