

# THE IMPORTANCE OF KNOWING OUR GOVERNMENT

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Okay, lets be honest. Learning about the government might not have been the main reason most of us chose to come here this President's Day Weekend. Many of us probably left home with hopes of getting away from Mom and Dad, meeting new friends, and staying up late. These are all great things to desire, but what else should we be getting out of KYG. If you went straight of off the name you would say we should be learning about how our government works, and that is true. Learning about our government is one of the main goals of this conference, but the important thing that you go home knowing is how to be a better citizen of the United States of America. Far too often these days people resort to shouting and violence to try and resolve their issues, but that is not the right way. Our society is deteriorating because it seems like everyone has forgotten how to respectfully communicate their opinions. Our nation is at a turning point and it is up to our generation to guide it in to the next millennium. We must take the knowledge and skills we have learned these past few days and apply them to our lives so we can be the successful leaders, businessmen, lawyers, congressmen, and citizens of tomorrow.



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# PERSEVERE INSPIRE EXPLORE

## ➔ Persevere

By Clayton Moore: KYG Speaker of the House

If the past two years have taught us anything, it would be how to persevere. Let me tell you, I was just as sad as the next when the decision to take KYG 2021 virtual came out. Meeting after meeting, the steering committee gave it our all to tackle every challenge that was posed with doing a conference online. We compromised, adapted, and overcame. But most importantly never lost hope that this conference would happen. In the end, KYG 2022 would've never happened without you, the delegate, and your willingness to persevere with us through to the end.

## ➔ Inspire

By: Kamille Mirkin KYG Justice

To inspire is defined as "to fill someone with the urge or ability to feel or do something." I believe that being inspired is one of the most powerful feelings we can have. Truly, the most beautiful thing about inspiration is it can be found anywhere. I found inspiration this year through the hard work of the KYG Steering Committee. The teens and adults working together to restore this conference to its full potential showed me the power a little determination and collaboration can hold. Thanks to all of their hard work, the KYG conference can continue to inspire Idaho youth to be the leaders of tomorrow.

## ➔ Explore

By: Bronwen Baker KYG Video Editor

The society, conditions, and experiences that surround us affect who we are as a person. Therefore, to explore the world is to explore ourselves. One way our society functions is via our government. KYG allows delegates to explore our legislative and Judicial systems. As citizens of the United States, we can vote and propose initiatives and referendums to influence our government! Furthermore, we have the duty to participate in the judiciary as jurors. This means exploring our government is crucial for obtaining information that will carry us into adulthood. Since the laws of our country affect our lives it is only natural that the youth of today should be given the tools to shape and refine it.



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