

## CALIFORNIA LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

### Pre-Readings/Videos/Podcasts

We're looking forward to having you at UC Davis this summer! To start the conversation on barriers to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, here are some materials for you to dig into. JSA is nonpartisan and the views presented in these materials represent those of only those creators and not JSA. However, we strive to create spaces for diversity of thought and hope you bring that openness to our Institute. **Please note** that some video and audio materials contain mature content so feel free to skip those if you choose.

- **Bail Reform: a nonpartisan issue** Senators from opposite sides, Rand Paul and Kamala Harris, come together to advocate for reform to the criminal justice system, arguing that this is not a partisan issue but a human rights one:  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/07/20/opinion/kamala-harris-and-rand-paul-lets-reform-bail.html>
- **On political engagement:** Can individual actions make a difference or do we need to mobilize to affect transformative change? This short article has some thoughts:  
<https://orionmagazine.org/article/forget-shorter-showers/>
- **Where do you live?:** Do you know about the social determinants of health? Learn how housing security, physical environment, and public health interact and affect different communities:  
<http://www.politico.com/agenda/story/2017/05/23/housing-health-environment-harlem-doctor-00443>
- **In Defense of Gentrification:** Could gentrification be a positive force for economic growth and improvements in housing and environment? This article critiques the common narrative around this issue and proposes some ideas:  
<https://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2015/10/in-defense-of-gentrification/413425/>
- **Military veterans, their mental health and U.S. territories: an issue that should unite people across the aisle**  
Heard of Guam? 1 in 8 Guamanians (who are US citizens) are US veterans, but they're often forgotten. Lack of money leads to lack of services, and lack of knowledge of the issues exacerbates that. At the Institute, we'll be participating in a budget planning workshop. How can we ensure our money is put behind the people who need services the most? Watch this short documentary to learn about the issue. **\*Please be advised: mature material and scenes in this video\***  
<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/america-by-the-numbers/episodes/episode-102/>
- **Politically Reactive: S. E. Cupp on being an Anti-Trump Conservative**  
Ever listened to a podcast? Here's a cool one on pre-election interview of conservative correspondent S.E. Cupp with two liberal comedians W. Kamau Bell and Hari Kondabolu pre-election 2016! Optional intro to the interview 0:00 to 5:17, **Skip to Main Talking Points 10:30-31:30. \*Please be advised: mature material and language\***  
<https://dfkfj8j276www.cloudfront.net/episodes/c362de35-a8e8-4d5c-bb8c-0bf4aedf4e37/63e2d4f392a6c26f06ab5a937518584b660b4040bf09b733552e50f0e27e4fec8e7ea87fc37f9534cd3487e4976e387ba82cdc0e8d0738edfaad1c48a27097e4/FL3483913369.mp3>