

## **Mini-assignment**

The first mini-assignment will be due on Oct. 31st. In class we talked about the three most important factors determining how a member of Congress votes--personal ideology, constituent ideology, and pressure from party leaders. In this assignment, you will be asked to identify briefly the direction that each of these pressures pushed a member of the House on the final vote for the "Tax Cut and Jobs Acts of 2017" (<https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/1/actions>). Select any member of Congress who is from a state with a first letter as close as possible to the first letter in your last name. That is, if your last name is Quinn, you can select any House member from Pennsylvania or Rhode Island, since the first letter in each state is one letter away from Q, and there is no state that begins with Q. One paragraph should be enough. You may work with one other student on this assignment (and if so, you can select a state whose first letter is as close as possible to one of your last names).