

## **Society, Culture and Politics: The Government has Resources to Make you Socially, Culturally and Politically Educated - Transcript**

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Good afternoon, everyone. Welcome to the FLP academy. We have another terrific one today. The title is society culture and politics, the government has resources to make you socially, culturally and politically educated. My name is Joe Paskoski with my colleague, tech support person ashley Dahlen. Our presenter is Jane Canfield. We appreciate all her work. Let me read you a little bit about Jane. Jane is the coordinator of federal government information at pontiff identify call Catholic university in pr pr. 40 years experience in the library field. She started as a public library, moved to school libraries, taught for six years in enter American graduate school of library and information sciences, worked as the director of postsecondary vocational school and arrived at the current job in 2007. She fell in love with the world of government documents and has taken on the special task of promoting documents that exist in other languages and especially Spanish as 100% of users are native Spanish speakers. Before we get started, I will walk you through the usual housekeeping reminders. If you have any questions that you would like to ask Jane or technical issues, feel free to use the chat box which for people on desktop and laptops is located in the bottom right hand corner of your screen. I will keep track of all questions that come in and at the end of the presentation I will read them back to Jane and she will respond. We are recording today's session and will E-mail a link to the reporting and slides for everyone that registered and we will send you a certificate of participation using the E-mail you used to register for the webinar. If anyone needs additional certificates because multiple people watched with you, E-mail FPLP outreach at GPO.gov and include the title of the webinar along with the names and E-mail addresses of those needing certificates. Desktop computer or laptop users may zoom in on the slides being presented, click on the full Jean button at the bottom left side of your screen. You can mouse over the blue bar at the top of your screen so it expands then the blue return button to get back after to the default. We will share a webinar satisfaction survey at the end of the session. We will let you know when it's available and the URL will appear in the chat box. We appreciate your feedback after the session including comments on the presentation style and value of the webinar. Now, if Jane decides to screen share her presentation, which means she may want to look at live websites, when she does that, you won't be able to see the chat box. If you want to ask a question in that circumstance, watch the chat traffic as Jane is presenting, once screen sharing begins mouse over the blue bar and when the menu drops down, click on chat to enable the chat box. So, with that, I will hand the virtual microphone over to Jane who will take it from here.

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Good afternoon, everyone. Nice to have you all present. Thank you for attending and welcome to society, culture and politics. The government has resources to make you socially, culturally and politically educated. So, I will take a look today at information that is available in the subjects of sociology, anthropology and political science. They are frequently somewhat interrelated although I will make an effort to separate them out today and look at the resources that are available. So, let's get started. I am going to define the concepts of what each of them

is. Talk a little bit about where to search and how I found the resources, highlight some specific resources that I found that were interesting and then I'm going to go live to the internet to several different government agency and search sites to take a look at what exists. So, if you have any specific topics related to sociology, anthropology or political science, you can put them in the chat box and Joe can tell me when we get to the searches to put them in and do a search for them. Okay. Sociology is our first topic up. And what is sociology? Sociology is the study of social life, social change, social consequences and causes of human behavior. I expect that many of us are probably sitting here thinking, with the current covid pandemic crisis, that sociology will become extremely important in looking at how this crisis is changing our human behavior and what its long lasting social consequences may become. Sociologists investigate those things. They try to understand the structure of our groups, our organizations, our society and how we interact within these context. This will definition came from the national standards for high school sociology from the American sociology association and the addresses is there if you would like to take a look at it. So, is I went to meta lib, one of the places for where to search and did a search in basic search mode for sociology and came up with more than 33,000 results. Many of them are books from the library of congress but also articles, committee hearings, information from many multiple other places. Meta lib is always a good place to search. It's like Google for government documents. That's how I describe it when I'm doing webinars and information for students on how to search government resources that meta lib is very much like searching Google because it provides information from numerous different government agencies. Okay. This is a link to the national standards for high school sociology, one of the resources I found. It's a PDF that you can download and it's very interesting because it talks about the teaching of sociology in high school. The United States census bureau in its statistics for schools program and if you don't know the statistics for schools program, it's designed for K through 12 schools but it can be applied in the first year or two of academic work and in this case, the statistics for schools program provides sociology work sheets across the board here. Some of the ones they provide, the "Modern Family," analysis looking at the millennial generation and investigation into immigration in the United States . Okay. Some of the specific resources that I came across that I found to be interesting and I am only highlighting a few resources here from each discipline. Many, many more. These particular resources I found in USA.gov and we will go there live in a little bit and take a look at some of those other resources. The ones that I found interesting, the first one from pub med, the national library of medicine database. How can so so logical help in addictions. I know that all of us are aware that there is a serious addiction problem with the opioid crisis. Sociology can, perhaps, bring understanding so that situation. The second one that I found, this is from FAMA, the training that it does for its experts on sociology use in disasters and emergency management. Obviously understanding something about sociology and social groups and organizations would be useful if you are going to be working with disaster planning and emergency management. Other resources that I found interesting from Eric. Those of you who may have been around as long as I have will remember Eric as physical index books and then later -- I would imagine that many of the libraries have cabinets full of Eric microfiche because that's how the indemocratting for Eric arrived for many years before it was an online database. Eric is devoted to providing research fundings in education but will have many articles and information on other fields since that relates in some way to education. In this case, this article

is the sociology of early childhood. Another article from the national library of medicine, which I thought was really interesting, who knew, a sociology view of dental health. And I included this one because with the covid-19, I have been putting off a needed visit to the dentist as I'm sure some of you may have been and I thought this was interesting in that, perhaps, our views of our dental health and how we are going to deal with it are going to change with the covid-19 pandemic. Okay. Let's move on to anthropology. Anthropology, I love this quote, the purpose of anthropology is to make the world safe for human differences. What does anthropology do? How do we define it? From the occupational outlook handbook comes this definition that anthropology is divided into three primary fields, biological or physical, cultural or social anthropology and linguistic anthropology. Biological and physical anthropology and archeology fits into this part of anthropology, study the changing nature of the biological of humans and closely related primates. This is the branch of anthropology that goes out into the field and looks at other cultures, historical remains of human villages and cities. Cultural anthropologists study the social and cultural consequences of various human related issues such as overpopulation, natural disasters, warfare and poverty. Cultural anthropology studying the issues that we deal with and sociology looking at our interactions as human beings and our behavior are very closely intertwined fields today. And, finally, linguistic anthropology studies the history and development of languages . Cultural anthropology is very important in looking at our varying and existing cultural groups around the world. This particular reference is from the national park service which has a strong program in cultural anthropology and if you would like more information, the link is there to go to the national park service and take a look at what they do in looking at native -- mostly native cultures within the United States and the national park system of the United States. For anthropology I went to the category of U.S. government publications to take a look at what might be there. Interestingly the most recent reference I found was 2018. I have no idea what that might imply for anthropology. I just thought it was interesting in the last couple of years there isn't anything in the CGP on anthropology and a total of 323 records. The national archives is an excellent -- and I think frequently overlooked source of information, particularly if you are looking for information that is not current, that is historical, that came from prior government agencies that no longer exist, from previous presidential administrations, from materials that different agencies have retired to the national archives. There is a wealth of historical and cultural and political information contained within the national archives records administration of the United States. Some specific and interesting resources I came across in anthropology, the first one -- sorry, I didn't realize until I'm looking at it now that the slide is hard to read, the first one is a reference to varying list of articles on anthropology within the Smithsonian magazine. The second and these references came from USA.gov is archeology can, anthropology and interstellar communication A.M.ly within NASA there exist people on the concepts of anthropology within our context of exploring space. Okay. Moving on a bit to the final of the three, political science. As would you expect there are multiple resources in various areas of political science available. Oddly enough I did not come across a good definition from government sources. So, I went to encyclopedia Britannica for a definition of political science. I suspect that may have been because each agency has a different way of looking at politics and political science. But basic definition, political science is the systematic study of governance by the application of empirical and scientific methods of analysis and traditionally defined, political science examines the state and

its origins and institutions. The contemporary discipline is broader and takes in studies of societal, cultural and psychological factors that mutually influence the operation of government and also how we as members of a particular government see that -- see that government. Obviously I suspect that there are going to be multiple, multiple, multiple investigations from 2020 into everything from how the earthquake in Puerto Rico affected the political situation because every single town or city that was affected by that earthquake changed the local administration in the November 3rd election. I suspect that the impact of five named hurricanes hitting the United States gulf coast during 2020 will have had a so is logical impact on the regions that is enormous and superimposed upon our politics and lives at the moment is the famous covid-19 pandemic. And I will guess that all three of these disciplines, sociology, anthropology and political science will be heavily involved in investigating what the implications are of our current situation. So this comes from the occupational outlook handbook which, if you don't know the occupational outlook handbook, it's a useful resource for looking at different occupations. You can find out what you make, the education 2009 takes and people in that field do. In political science, cists study the origin and development and operation of political systems. Research political ideas, analyze governments and are involved in collecting data. They are involved in testing theories and they are involved in putting out surveys that we all answer. They are involved in forecasting what is going to happen in a given situation. So, political science is involved in many, many aspects of our political lives. Okay. I went to the library of congress, which is another wonderful source of information. Much of it is online today. A general search for political science found 200 -- 261,000 plus items of which about 200,000 are actually available online. I also discovered this particular case the library of congress has 68 research slides on the topic of political science to help you or your students or faculty members carry out research. The first one up here was intriguing to me. E-books written -- books written by members of the 116th United States congress. Some other interesting research information I found on political science. 'a political science degree, you can become an analyst for the central intelligence agency. There are articles on the importance of political science and civic education in our schools and finally there is an article from the voice of America on politics and how politics is functioning within the age of covid-19. Okay. We have plenty of time so I will go live to these sites and give a demonstration of looking for topics within these subject fields. So, I am going to start screen sharing. I hope that you are now seeing my screen. And I am going to start with the national archives because it's a fun site if you don't know it to go looking for information. In this case, government documents, there are multiple links to government documents from the national archives administration. Government documents that are in the national archives. Finding help -- how do you go about finding that information and they provide links out to other government information. You can search the entirety of archives.gov and I am going to start here with sociology and just see what it gives me. Okay. So, within the topic of sociology, archived within the national archives, I got some databases that are archived. I have something historical, about Louisiana, about brown versus board of education which was a famous civil rights decision. Movement -- we are celebrating the 100 anniversary of women being able to vote this year. The WPA archives. So, information already archived on coronavirus. Within the JFK library. Multiple historical resources that have to do with sociology. National archives in terms of political science provides information on -- if I hit presidential libraries, sociology in some way associated with various

presidential libraries. You can find images. I haven't looked -- not too many but a few images that they would say -- what are related to sociology. I can go back to everything and that will give me everything that is archived by and available from the national archives. If I want to look for a particular topic or a particular person, I think I'm going to use women suffrage because this is the 100 anniversary year of the right of women to vote. And there it is. And I have -- in this case, because the national archives has been highlighting women suffrage movement, they are offering recommendations here. Featured documents on the 19th amendment, teaching resources on women suffrage and a number of other resources that have to do with women suffrage. If I want to see -- let's say one of these particular -- featured documents on the 19th amendment, I can click on it and here I have information from the national archives on the 19th amendment which was the amendment that gave women the right to vote. Here is a facsimile reproduction of part of that amendment. Pictures having to do with the passage of the 19th amendment. That is an example of what was in the national archives. If you don't know the national archives, I urge you to take a look and do a little research because it's very interesting. Okay. I am going to go now to the library of congress, which the library of congress, they have the -- they have their covid warning up that limited research access to restricted resources is available. So, the library of congress has so much information that it's actually quite overwhelming. I will put in this case I will put in anthropology to see what turns up. Okay. Within the field of anthropology, there are less resources that I found for sociology but there is still more than 9,000 resources available online and 43,000 having something to do with the topic of anthropology within the library of congress. Many of these are books. Let's go, original format, goes let's take a look at what is available in the 4,000 and so odd references in newspapers. Let's take a look at what is available in those newspapers. Okay. Search newspapers. Here within each of these newspapers there will be some information that has to do with the topic of anthropology, within the newspaper. These are part of the library of congress digitization of historical newspapers from around the country. I am just going to click on one of these and see what is there. This is the Gila from February and of 1943. I can view the images that are here. I can make it full screen. Now I can see all of these images. And by zooming in I will be able to see what is here within the newspaper that has been digitized within the library of congress. So, that is one example of the kind of information that you are going to find in almost any subject topic but certainly for sociology, anthropology and political science within the library of congress. This is part of the chronicling America project that is the library of congress initiative to digitize historical newspapers and make them freely available. Okay. Let's move on. Within meta lib, if you don't know meta lib there are three kinds of searches. Basic, advanced and expert. A basic search takes you to general resources or you can choose GPO resources which will only take you to resources done by GPO. With an advanced search, where I will go now, with an advanced search you can choose subject areas. And you will get information back from agencies that work within those subject areas. So, I am going to choose history and I am going to put sociology and I'm going to combine it with anthropology. The two frequently combine and see what kind of results we find. Meta lib searches within this list of agencies. The FBI vault, returns resources that are available. Meta lib returns the first 30 resources from each source. In this case it looks as though 276,000 and some odd results having to do with sociology and anthropology. Those range from books to hearings that have something to do with the topic to this one looks interesting, a publication from the U.S. Army

war college. Anthropology, sociology and religious experience. Cultural literacy and testing. So, goes meta lib will give you a large variety of resources. One I tell our faculty and students, if you find that you are getting a number of results from one particular agency worn particular database, go directly to that database for more information as well. So, that's just an example of how meta lib works. Okay. Now I am going to hit for the GPO -- the CGP, catalog of U.S. government publications. This is useful as a source of funding information and also as a categorizing source if you need cataloging information. And I will put in here political science is the topic. Just to see what we find. Okay. Political science as the topic, I am finding 407 records. It begins with information in 2020. Here is one on covid-19 outbreak. Crime and conflict. If you are unaware of how to use the CGP, hopefully none of you are, if you are document librarians, the CGP gives you the SU.number, title. If there is internet access, it gives you the PURL address for that document and under the title takes you to cataloging information. I will click on the internet address so you see what the document looks like when I call it up and it will pop up. Here it is. Special -- this is from the United States war college, strategic studies institute, special commentary on covid. You can download this and have the resource, send it to a student or faculty member that needs it and you can print it if, in this case, it's five pages. It's not too bad to print. But that is an example of finding information within the category of government publications in that case on political science. There is a committee hearing here on Facebook, social media pry value sigh and abuse of information, a joint hearing of committees within the United States congress and the committee hearing is available here just by clicking on the link. So, an example of what pops up under political science for the catalog of government publications. Okay. Finally I will go to USA.gov. If you don't know USA.gov, it's a very useful starting point for topics if you don't know a lot about the topic. It will give you USA.gov will give you information on numerous agencies, everything from pamphlets and brochures and information designed for the public to very high level academic investigative reports or articles included in Major government databases like Eric and pub med. You will find a lot of information published by state and local governments will appear here. It's a good source for looking for state and local information as well. It is one of those sites that you can switch to, in this case, Spanish. If you are looking for another language, you can put in your topic what that language is and it will help you find information. In that lack wage for my purposes today, I will first look for sociology . April sociology program in the foundation. There is data link to cataloging information from the library of congress. There is information in USA jobs, 0 sociology standards from the census, goes in Eric, goes from NASA, here is information on sociology from Colorado. A report on poverty in America from the United States census Burrow. The role of sociology and mental health from pub med. Here is one from Tennessee on educational standards. So, just an amazing variety from different agencies, from different levels of government at different levels of information that you can provide for your users. I am going to do a quick search here also for political science science. Here we are. Political science in the occupational outlook handbook. Education USA at the department of state. That has to do with careers for international students. Political science from U.S. NA.EDU, I don't know which you feel but information from the library of congress, Colorado again, analyst with the CIA, course offerings and political science department. Information from the library of congress again. And careers within -- this is archived from the department of state on careers in political science. An amazing variety of information within USA.gov. USA.gov provides images, if you are looking for

pictures that you can use for a presentation or just to have some pictures. They are not as extensive as you would find, let's say in Google but -- USA.gov will also provide videos that are related to the topic you are searching. So, in this case, I got the impact to the women's suffrage movement, teaching food biology, chasing the moon, information on the constitution, goes its changes and challenges. So, there are lots -- in addition to written information and documents, there is visual information including video that you can access through USA.gov. I will come back to all government, return to USA.gov and switch to Spanish. I don't usually do this. I will switch to Spanish. Those of you who may have Spanish users, this is a good place to start teaching about government information because the entire site switches to Spanish. I like using the Spanish site for my users because if there isn't anything in Spanish, you will get information in English. I am going to put in the Spanish word for sociology to see if there is something here. It didn't put it in. Let's try again. In this case they actually got one thing in Spanish which would be information on the -- sometimes there won't be a lot of information on a topic. Other times there be. Let's see if there is more information. Okay. Yes. There is more information. You can get a fair amount of information in Spanish on the topic of political science. So, I feel that concludes my live presentation of sites today. So, I will stop. I am going to stop sharing. Return to my presentation. And, say, thank you for listening today. No matter what your political affiliation, you have to love this really cute elephant. And I do thank you. Please, Joe, if there are questions or comments in the chat box, I believe we have time.

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Thank you, Jane. Another terrific webinar. Appreciate it. Does anybody have any questions for Jane? We got some time. We are trying to end right at or slightly before 3:00. So we have some time to send questions in.

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Comments or questions.

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I see a colleague of mine. Thank you. I appreciate the comment.

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I have not been able to pronounce -- I may not be getting it exactly. In Spanish it would probably be softer than I am pronouncing it.

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I made a few botched attempts from the spelling. Thank you. I will remember that.

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You are welcome. Yes. Any questions for Jane? Very good.

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It was fun. I suspect that all of -- I know that as I was doing this, I was thinking about how much we are going to need these three subject fields investigating how 2020 has been such an unusual year in the United States and in world history and the changes that it is very likely to have pro joked and how long lasting they will be.

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How many history books will be written about this year?

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I can imagine both sociology, political.

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Medical breakthroughs with vaccines.

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Ashley just put the satisfaction survey up. Please fill that out.

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Okay. I see a comment here that I think is important from wade. Let me read it, Jane. A lot of government data and private data is available in private universities of Michigan institute for social research combined with private data and well curated and documented. That's interested.

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And he gave us the --

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He gave us a link.

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Thank you.

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Is all of that the public and private -- publicly accessible to everyone, wade? Can you say? Let's let him type in. That is interesting. University of Michigan had a lot of great information. Here we go. Some of it costs money but most of it is available. Great.

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Great, thank you.

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Terrific.

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I will go explore it and hopefully other attendees will also.

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Maybe wade wants to do a future webinar on the University of Michigan. That is a possibility.

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That would be nice.

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Keep that in mind.

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Any other questions for Jane. Any more shout outs. He said his daughter works there. Your daughter can present a webinar.

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There you go.

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Let me -- I have other comments. We have plenty of time, ten more minutes. Let me go into my usual comments.

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Any questions or comments, keep them coming.

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Please do. If you like a copy of the actual power point, send me an E-mail and I will happily send it to you.

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I would like to thank Jane for another terrific webinar. I think she has done 50, 60 webinars.

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I am no longer counting.

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She was behind my old friend Steve BULLOCK from Oklahoma. Since he retired, she is going past him. I would like to thank Ashley Dahlen for keeping everything running smoothly. We have an upcoming webinar next Tuesday, November 24th. Another long time presenter Emily Wild using art resources for chemistry, geo science and environmental studies. She is a great presenter. And you will receive notice of the upcoming webinars when they are announced if you sign up for the E-mail alert service at FDLP.gov. From the index section at the bottom of the home page you will see a calendar of upcoming webinars and access the past webinars from the archive and link to a web form to volunteer to proa webinar. Ashley if could you put in the links to the training repository where you can find Jane's webinars from the last couple of years and older recordings. A few weeks ago we finished the virtual conference. So, all the presentations from that virtual conference are in the archives. You can view those if you didn't attend the conference or want to listen again. Think about volunteering to do a webinar. Don't let Jane do everyone.

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At some point I will have to retire.

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No, you can't do that.

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Maybe when I die at my death. Yes, please --

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I think the acted has to shut down if you do that.

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I am pretty sure there will be people behind me. The first one I did for you guys, it was after you approached me at the conference and said this would be a good webinar, I was shaking in my shoes going what am I doing presenting a national webinar. If I can do it, other people can learn to do it too.

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Sure. Let's see if we have any other comments. A lot of shout outs. Carolyn asked can the slide deck be loaded along with the FDLP recording. We load a -- Jane can probably send you the actual slide deck.

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Sure.

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We may have a PDF of the slide deck. That will be available. It will be like tomorrow, probably or could be Monday. But all of that will be in our file repository. We can put a link in there. She just put the links there. Look at those. Ashley will put the PDF of the slide there.

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On Monday. Jane put her E-mail if you want the actual power point and Ashley said, yeah, she has a lot of leave. She is off tomorrow. You will get that on Monday. Okay. A few more minutes.

We can wait. I am supposed to close out at 3:00 or just before. But we will wait a few more minutes and see if we have any more.

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Any more questions or comments, yeah I am guessing Jane will be back in 2021.

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I think I have one in December and, yes, I have a list of -- list of ideas for 2021.

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You scheduled one with me in December. Look on the calendar for that. If anybody wants to present. To my colleague Kathy Carmichael is doing web box 101. If you want to do basics. I did one called secrets of the super searches on an expert level. Chris brown, from the University of Denver. If you think you have a tremendous -- it's coming early in 2021.

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Joe --

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Any expertise --

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One of my suggestions which I do not have the expertise but if there is someone out there in one of the government agencies or someone who could talk about all of the differing laws about recounting votes and how that happens and maybe air some of the state law. That is being a big thing right now and I think it would be really interesting to have april webinar from someone that has expertise in the area.

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I scheduled one in October with the federal election commission. It turns out -- good webinar with Dave.

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It was a good one.

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You are right. All the election stuff would be a good one. We have a few minutes. Wade, thank you, wade. Web bin far -- that is excellent.

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Wonderful .

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Make sure you remember that. Okay. Wade. There is my E-mail. We can discuss that webinar. Anybody wants to discuss a webinar, there is my E-mail in the chat. Okay. We are getting close. Ashley is going to hold me to this. I have to close out at one hour. The questions have been asked.

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I think so.

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Thanks to all of you for participating.

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Thank you, audience and thank you, ashley. Come back to the academy for more webinars and come back next Tuesday, Emily walls is a great presenter, terrific webinar from her. Have a great rest of the day. Thank you.

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Thank you.

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Bye.