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Res Publica is one of only a few undergraduate political science journals in the nation, which illustrates the strength and quality not only of the political science program at Illinois Wesleyan University, but also of its students and their academic endeavors. College students of all years and majors are invited to submit their political science research for inclusion in the journal. The Editors and Assistant Editors chose the best from this selection to include in this journal.

Continuing *Res Publica*'s tradition of publishing original and exemplary student research papers of all sub-fields of political science, this year's volume spans the globe, a journey that starts right here at IWU. The first selection examines political activism among college students at IWU. From there the focus shifts to South America where our second author examines postmaterialism in Colombia. The third selection moves to Eastern Europe, where our third author examines national identity in his native country, Ukraine. The path around the globe ends in Africa, where our fourth author tests theories about what motivates donor countries to give foreign aid to countries in Africa. We hope you enjoy this year's selections.

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Editors-in-Chief