PLSI WORKSHOP SERIES

WHAT TO DO WITH A B.A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE?

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THE BASICS

- Government work
- Law School
- Grad School
- Private sector

- What to plan for now
GOVERNMENT WORK

• Work in any governmental agency or level

• Related to general governance or administration of services
LAW SCHOOL

- Pursue judicial education
- Practice law, or use a law degree to work in the law
- Agencies across sectors, govt and private
GRAD SCHOOL

- Pursue an intellectual or research focus
- MAs: helpful for teaching at the community level
- Terminal or professional degrees, like an MPA or MSW are good extensions and often required for some agencies
PRIVATE SECTOR

- Tap into the various legal, policy or marketing departments in private industries
- Non-profits and non-governmental agencies are also opportunities

"The Mob’s not so bad around here, but you have to watch out for the community organizers."
How People Get Jobs

Sources:
https://lifehacker.com/this-chart-shows-how-important-networking-is-to-finding-1719693636
HOW TO PLAN AHEAD

- **Passion**: pick your interest, or group of interests
  - Topic
  - Principle
  - Belief

- **Patience**: you got to put in the work
  - Network
  - Experience
  - Long view (multi-step)

- **Practicality**
  - Skill development
  - Experiential learning
  - Networking and connections
  - Resume help and interviewing practice
QUESTIONS?

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