LLP Resources

- **Understanding the Michigan Budget**
  - House Fiscal Agency
  - Senate Fiscal Agency
  - IPPSR, “Where Policy is Made: The State Budget Process”
    - This article from IPPSR provides a brief, informative overview of how the state’s budget comes to fruition.
    - This HFA document describes the budget process from beginning to end. It includes a glossary of terms, a description of Michigan budget laws, and an expansive, detailed look at how the budget gets passed.
  - Senate Fiscal Agency, “Budget Time Frame”
    - This timeline briefly explains the budget creation process, specifically the Legislature’s role in it.
  - Michigan League for Public Policy, “Final 2021 Budget Includes Important Investments in Health, Human Services and Education”
    - This document summarizes the 2020-21 fiscal year budget enacted on October 1. It examines what specific programs and departments received more or less funding than previous budgets.

- **Understanding Michigan State Departments**
  - State of Michigan, “State Departments”
  - This government webpage provides overviews of each state agency.

- **Civil Discourse, Crossing the Partisan Divide**
  - National Institute for Civil Discourse
  - American University’s Project on Civil Discourse, “What is Civil Discourse”
    - This page provides a brief and basic understanding of what civil discourse is and is not.
  - Library of Congress, “Polarization and Political Discourse in the U.S.”
    - This conversation between Dr. Lilliana Mason, Dr. David C. Barker, and John Haskell of the LOC examines how political discourse in the United States has decline over time.
  - National Institute for Civil Discourse, “Reaching Across our Differences”
    - These interviews with former federal lawmakers demonstrates the possibility and value of partisan cooperation.
  - National Institute for Civil Discourse, “Engaging Differences-Key Principles and Best Practices”
    - These guidelines offer effective and productive ways to approach discussions with those holding views different than our own.
    - While these steps focus on arguments and discourse in a legal context, it nonetheless provides important reminders on how to best approach divisive discussions or debates.

- **Economic and Business Development Outlook**
  - House Fiscal Agency Revenue and Economic Forecast Archives
  - Senate Fiscal Agency Revenue and Economic Forecast Archives
  - Department of Treasury Revenue and Economic Forecast Archives
  - Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Michigan Business Development Program
    - This document offers an overview of the Michigan Business Development Program that provides economic assistance to businesses in order to boost economic activity.
Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Michigan Business Development Program Projects
  This details what businesses and projects have been funded by the MBDP.

University of Michigan, Michigan Forecast
  This document from U-M briefly reflects on the economy during COVID-19 and forecasts the economy to come.

Michigan Chamber of Commerce, Business Recovery Agenda
  This document outlines the steps that need to be taken in reopening businesses after COVID-19.

COVID-19 and long terms Michigan public health strategies

State of Michigan, Contain COVID
  A government website outlining the state’s strategies to stop the spread of the virus.

State of Michigan, Michigan Data
  The hub for Michigan COVID-19 data. Contains information about number of cases, deaths, cumulative trends, demographics, and testing.

State of Michigan, MI Safe Start Plan
  This Michigan government site provides information about the state’s reopening plans.

K-12 Education

IPPSR, K-12 Education During a Pandemic
  This IPPSR forum hosts a panel discussion about contemporary challenges to K-12 education amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

IPPSR, Partnership Model for Improving Michigan Schools
  Another IPPSR forum that examines the effectiveness of partnership agreements between K-12 schools implemented in Michigan.

IPPSR, Michigan School Reopening Decisions More Related to Partisan Politics than to COVID Threat
  This analysis by MSU political scientists, Dr. Matt Grossman and Dr. Sarah Reckhow, finds that an area’s partisanship is a stronger indicator of the decision to reopen schools than its COVID-19 severity.

Racial Equity and CJ Reform

IPPSR, Criminal Justice and Police Training
  The video discussion between criminal justice experts looks at potential reforms to policing and criminal justice and their effectiveness.

IPPSR, First Step Act—Keeping the Ex in ExOffender
  Another IPPSR forum that examines the impacts of the First Step Act, federal legislation aimed at easing prison sentences, providing skill-based training to inmates, and reducing recidivism.

IPPSR, Northern Losses and Southern Gains: Regional Variation in the Evolution of Black/White Earnings Differences in the United States, 1976-2017
  Dr. Charles Ballard and Dr. John Goddeeris find in this research paper that a large disparity exists between wages of white and black workers in Michigan and elsewhere across the U.S. Find a presentation of the research here.

Brookings, America’s formerly redlined neighborhoods have changed, and so must solutions to rectify them
  This research article provides in-depth data about redlining, its repercussion, and potential solutions.

Brookings, Racial wealthy inequality: Social problems and solutions
  This panel conversation examines the causes, effects, and solutions of the racial wealth gap.
Smithsonian Magazine, The Racial Segregation of American Cities Was Anything But Accidental
   - This interview with the author of The Color of Law: A Forgotten History Of How Our Government Segregated America briefly examines the history of redlining in America and its implications for today.

National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Racial Disparity
   - This webpage outlines in detail the history, implications, and possible reforms to bias in the American criminal justice system.

Harvard Law School, Racial Disparities in the Massachusetts Criminal System
   - This report from Harvard Law School details the discrimination within the Massachusetts criminal justice system. A summary and analysis of the report by CNN can be found here.

Pew Research Center, Black imprisonment rate in the U.S. has fallen by a third since 2006
   - This report from Pew finds that black incarceration rates have decline significantly from 2006, a reassuring trend, but reminds us of the continued disparity between black and Hispanic inmates and white inmates.

Urban/Rural Divide
   - IPPSR, Urban Meets Rural, Balancing Human and Environmental Health
     - This IPPSR forum discusses the increasing interconnectedness between urban and rural communities and the impact this has on Michigander’s health.