

Week 6

Diction is art. Words are power. I have the ability to speak, therefore I have power. I find my inspiration to assemble my words and thoughts through annotation. Annotating and breaking the core of the words others use is a tool I use frequently. I find listening just as powerful as speaking, so that's what I did this week; I listened.

Press and briefings are common on the hill. With such a supportive staff, I was able to attend a couple of events this week. These events have done so much for me. They have provided me with the opportunity to grow and explore. I explore my options in future careers, goals, and solvency strategies for issues that ignite my passions. The topic issues presented in the meetings are all over the spectrum of conflict. I was in a briefing on Dry Eye Awareness and the next thing I knew I found myself in a room with Human Trafficking Survivors telling their story. One moment I was inspired on how the human anatomy functions so systematically, while the next moment I was angry about how legal services in the US works systematically unfair. I am angry, but I am not alone.

In a press meeting, I had the opportunity to listen to Rep. Grijalva, Rep. Castro, and Senator Sanders speak on Immigration. Their diction was specific and represented the frustration of their constituents and the nation. It was moving. It's remarkable to sit down and understand how much of an impact a speech can make not only on a person, but a population. I am obsessed with this idea. While some do it for good, they are some that use it to their advantage in a negative manner. I am stuck on how I can incorporate this into my life positively.

Pro Bono, defined by Google, is "denoting work undertaken without charge, especially legal work for a client with a low income." I think Pro Bono work is what I want to partake in. Words are power, yet they are free. I have the potential to help someone with my words. I want to learn how to develop this critical tool to help the poor, underrepresented, and oppressed. History shows how this skill has created movements that shape change and progression. I found more evidence of this on the weekend as I wandered through the National Museum of American History.

This museum was thought provoking. I think it lacked representation in certain areas. I believe this museum shows America's lack of accountability of past and current issues. Even so, I did still find it interesting. I found picture frames with words that were **bold** and *strong*. Words have timeless influence. "Honor King: END RACISM!" Four words that can and *have* changed the world. *Si Se Puede* are three words that changed mine.

