For this assignment, you are to use the databases and specific journals for academic research in political science (see posted lists under Resources on Blackboard, all of which you could find under the library website databases under “Worldwide Political Science Abstracts”) and find scholarly articles/sources to take your case study paper to the next level. The assignment for this rough draft of the Case Study is to deepen the scope of your analysis (or add an analytical section if you have thus far only "reported" info. on your policy/practice and public agency/organization). Part I of the paper was a discussion of the policy/practice and its implications for or connection to a particular organization/agency, along with appropriate info. such as background, history, organizational structure, and funding/staffing info. Now, you want to expand your paper to include an analytical section in which you explore one or more specific issues or aspects of the topic and provide an appropriate analysis: the scope, the reasons, the problems, and possible solutions…

In order to do this, you need to move from very general “book report” drafts and aim a bit higher. You want to lose Wikipedia (not a scholarly source!) and use other material from academic journals (see list under Resources on Blackboard/Appendix A in text). You want to search for scholarly articles using the recommended databases for Political / Social Sciences (see list under Resources on Blackboard). If you still need help searching databases or journals: go to the Reference Desk in Green Library on the 2nd floor, or let me know.

Furthermore, again, the Case Study final draft should ultimately be approximately 6-10 pages, referencing at least 3-4 sources. It is due on 2/11 by 6:25 pm (via email). It should be formatted with a title page, one inch margins only, page numbers with last name on top of each page (not on title page and title page is not page 1!), and typed double-spaced in 12 point type such as Times New Roman (within APSA guidelines, as will be reviewed). Do the readings as listed under the 1/28 slot on the class schedule, by the next time we meet.

Rough drafts are usually pretty flimsy – lots of superficial info. but not a lot of "meat" there... The sources are few and mainly websites so it is understandable that most people end up with a short, superficial treatment of their topic. To be a proper case study, therefore, you have to "study" the subject (the policy/practice and the related organization/agency). You need more in-depth material. Have you tried contacting the organization and asking for info.? Looking for annual reports? Numbers on the programs' results? What are the implications of the policy/practice? What issues has it raised? For whom? How? What changes are planned (or need to be)? When you start asking and answering these kinds of questions, you are analyzing like a true political scientist and that is when your case study gets interesting (and a good grade!)