Corruption and the New York City Department of Investigation: A Film

ALL NEW YORKERS PAY FOR BACK ALLEY DEALS
REPORT CORRUPTION AND FRAUD AT 212-3-NYC-DOI

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Source: nyc.gov
The Leadership Scholars Certificate Program is a two-year selective, interdisciplinary certificate program that prepares Rutgers undergraduate women to be informed, innovative, and socially responsible leaders.

Leadership Scholars design and implement social action projects to expand their understanding of issues and problems and to develop leadership skills.

This project gives Scholars the opportunity to apply the theoretical knowledge they have gained about leadership, advocacy, and social change with the practical and experiential knowledge they have developed about a particular policy issue or problem through the field site placement. It also further develops leadership skills by giving undergraduates the opportunity to practice leadership through action.

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DO YOU KNOW YOUR RIGHTS?

- Mayoral Executive Order 16, Koch Administration, 1978
- New York City Charter, Chapter 34
- Whistleblower Act, 2007

Source: India Today
A Survey

Do you know what the NYC Department of Investigation does?

- No
- Yes

Sample Size: 34 Students
The Need to Educate

Create a documentary that educates its viewers about the concept of corruption through an intersectional lens, with a case study of the NYC Department of Investigation. Inform the viewer on the need to see corruption through an intersectional lens, in terms of its effects on various categories of the population. Focus on the NYC Department of Investigation as a tool to fight it and explore its efficacy. Finally, move back to reflect on the position of the United States in terms of corruption, in comparison to the Middle East.
The Film: a Preview
Research Methods: #1, The Interviews

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Research Methods: #2, The Articles

Back to the roots


Gaining perspective: gender, immigration, and corruption


Gaining perspective: a comparison between the US and the Middle East


Research Methods: #2, The Articles

The NYC Department of Investigation


Feminist Leadership Through Documentary Filmmaking

- Filmmaking: a powerful tool
- Interpersonal Skills
- Collaborative Leadership
- Confidence
- Risk-taking

Source: Wikimedia Commons
Lessons Learned & Insights Gained

General
- The importance of time-management
- The power of persistence
- The workings of government
- Awareness of my status in a government workplace

Film-specific
- Filmmaking
- Awareness of copyright issues
- Working with new software, new equipment
- The importance of allotting time to finding relevant video content
- Making a documentary suited for the 2010s

Source: Wikimedia Commons
Impact: current and projected

Current status:

- Impact on me: I feel more informed, more confident about my knowledge on the topic
- Impact on my interviewees: solid connections with my interviewees, who are eager to see the final project

Projected impact:
- The first documentary of its kind
- Shows the intersectionality of the topic of corruption
- Relevant to the current state of affairs
- Views

Source: Wikimedia Commons
It doesn’t stop here...

- Corruption Awareness Lectures
- Flyers
- Tabling
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