POLS 207
Assignment 3
DUE: SUN 12/11, 4:00pm (upload to Moodle)

For this assignment, you will write a 2-3 page, double-spaced essay using resources from the Pandemic Journaling Project. Essays should be well-written and incorporate evidence from the exhibit, online resources from the project, and assigned course texts.

The Pandemic Journaling Project was started early in the pandemic by researchers at UConn and Brown University. Many entries from the project—text, audio, and images—are collected on their website, including in a searchable database. Explore these entries, and use them as you respond to one of the topics outlined below.

Pandemic Journaling Project resources:

- Pandemic Journaling Project – main website
- Featured Entries – searchable database of text and images submitted to the project.
- Exhibit Description - Go to the Hartford public library and see the exhibit – location and hours listed here.

1. How has the pandemic changed us, and what does it mean for the future? What have we learned, and will we be better prepared for the next pandemic?

2. How did politics impact people's experiences of the pandemic? In what ways do you think the political landscape (including the 2024 election) may be shaped by the pandemic and its aftermath?

3. What does the Pandemic Journaling Project capture that other ways of making sense of the pandemic (including academic articles) do not? What should we remember about the pandemic, and what difference does it make to have the story told in this way (as opposed to more official journalistic or academic accounts)?