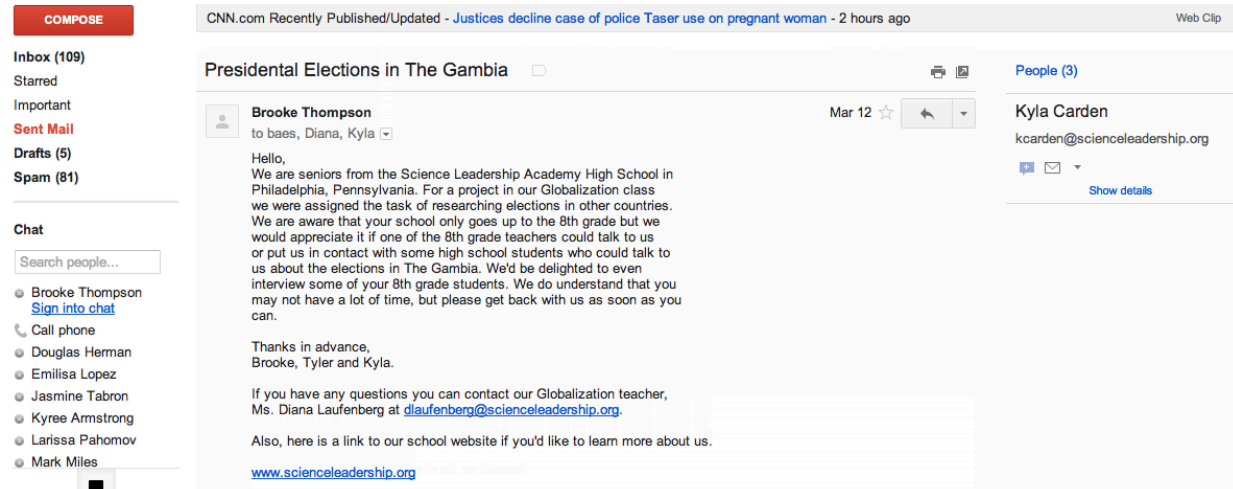


In the beginning of the Election Country project we reached out to an American School over in The Gambia to try to get some information about the country's upcoming election. Below we have some pictures of some of our attempts to get in touch with anybody who's willing to speak with us from The Gambia.



In the beginning we didn't really know what to do. We didn't know where to look or search for information about the Gambian election. We started out just searching simple things about the country and how they are doing as a nation. After meeting with Lauf we found out about some American schools in The Gambia. We found some schools that catered to some older kids and we emailed them asking them if they would be able to speak with us but got no response. Tyler

then took to Twitter to see if that would get us a response since the whole world is on Twitter. Sadly, we got no response there either. So, in the end we've found out a lot of information about how they vote and their government but no information coming from the people.

## **Comparing Elections**

The elections were very different from that of the United States for example the people who vote in the United States are normally well informed on who the candidates are that are running for office the other big difference is the education rate is way lower in the Republic of the Gambia therefore, to adjust the people who can not read or write simpler drop a marble into a box and walk away, but in the United States we have the advanced electronic systems people are educated enough to operate.

## **Reflection**

When first starting the election country project things went well. We found out a good amount of information about our country. We found how they voted, when they voted, and who got to vote. The next step for us was then to get an interview with children from a school in Gambia, or anyone in general. We contacted the two schools in Gambia and we weren't given any responses from either of them. We also tried to use Twitter to reach out to people of Gambia but we didn't get a response via Twitter either. So getting the interviews and talking with people from Gambia was by far the hardest part of the project. We also started the project a little late as well which made it even harder to find people to interview, Suggestion that we have for others would be to first start the project on time because your election will come up faster than you think. Second we would suggest that each group member find someone to interview so that everyone isn't depending on one person's interview. While completing the project I would say that we learned valuable information on politics and elections in other countries.