**NUR415 Policy, Finance, and Quality in Nursing and Healthcare**

Week 1 Discussion (60 points)

Directions: Complete the checklist individually and then respond to the following questions:

1. Do you consider yourself to be politically active? Why or why not?
2. Do you feel that you are knowledgeable of the political process?
3. Should nurses be politically active? Why or why not?
4. How can nurses make a difference in the health of their patients and the public by shaping policy?
5. What do you hope to learn during this course?

 Respond to other comments.

|  | **Never** | **Sometimes** | **Always** | **Yes** | **No** |
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| **Engagement and Political Voice Checklist** |  |  |  |  |  |
| For each item, check the box that applies to you. For the item on voter registration, use the “Yes” or “No” boxes. |  |  |  |  |  |
| I work to solve community problems |  |  |  |  |  |
| I volunteer regularly for an environmental group |  |  |  |  |  |
| I volunteer regularly for a civic or community organization |  |  |  |  |  |
| I volunteer regularly for any other organization |  |  |  |  |  |
| I belong or donated money to any group or organization |  |  |  |  |  |
| Besides donating money, I help raise money for charitable causes |  |  |  |  |  |
| I have registered to vote  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I vote in elections (regular voting) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I volunteer for a political campaign or candidate |  |  |  |  |  |
| I encourage others to vote |  |  |  |  |  |
| I wear a campaign button or have a sticker on my vehicle |  |  |  |  |  |
| I volunteer for a candidate, work or contribute money to a political party, or an organization that supports candidates |  |  |  |  |  |
| I contacted/visit public officials |  |  |  |  |  |
| I contact a newspaper or magazine |  |  |  |  |  |
| I contact a radio or television news show |  |  |  |  |  |
| I protest |  |  |  |  |  |
| I sign an e-mail petition |  |  |  |  |  |
| I sign a written petition |  |  |  |  |  |
| I boycott companies |  |  |  |  |  |
| I buy something to support the values of a company |  |  |  |  |  |

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