Regarding the American Government position:

1. It is central to a three person PS department that takes curriculum balance and the mission of civic literacy/engagement seriously. This subfield within the department has been a launching pad for further graduate work in political science, public policy, public administration, and law as well as post-collegiate careers in Congress, the White House, and state and local governments.

(Jesse is a Political Theorist and Susan is the IR-Comparativist (representing two sub-fields)

2. The position has been around since before 1974 when Dave arrived. The necessity of the position has never been questioned or reviewed to our knowledge.

3. Centrality to Westmont in the larger sense: The position has resulted in the incumbent being a major point person for community involvement on and off campus. The position serves as a resource for the College as a whole such as election night stuff, Horizon interviews, faculty forum topics, community lectures on behalf of the College (Westmont Downtown, service club talks, etc.) and for local media (numerous print and broadcast interviews over the last several decades).

4. Enrollments in American government courses. POL 10 enrolls in the 30s (37 currently). Upper division American Government courses enroll in the teens; often higher in Constitutional Law given our pre-law track.