Informed Citizen Series - Panel on US-Iran Relations

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On February 13th, we had our second Informed Citizen Series, featuring a panel on US-Iran Relations with special guests Bahman Baktiari, Executive Director of the Baskerville Institute, and Matt Berrett, Co-founder of the Center for Anticipatory Intelligence. The panel was moderated by Kerry Bringhurst of Utah Public Radio, as well as aired live on UPR. Students learned about the complicated, and often misunderstood relationship between Iran and the United States. Matt and Bahman later welcomed questions from the students to answer. Some of the questions asked:

What is the motivations of Iran in the Middle East? How can the US combat these motives in a peaceful manner?
How would one counter the argument that as Americans we should not continue to try and influence Iranian events when, according to some--the CIA in particular--our role in the overthrow of Mohammed Mossadeq helped lead to the 1979 Islamic Revolution?

Take a look at some of the photos from the event: