**POLS 4105**
**Prof Madonna**
**Research Paper Evaluation**

**Student:** **Overall Grade: _____/100 total points**

**Introduction**

Presentation

*How well was the problem or topic clearly stated?*
*How well was the research question articulated?*
*How well did the author state the argument?*

Effectiveness

*How successful was the author in demonstrating the importance of the topic?*
*How successful was the author in demonstrating the importance of the question?*

Organization

*How successful was the author in organizing the section in order to maximize the effectiveness of the authors' argument?*

Clarity

*Were there numerous spelling errors?*
*Were there numerous grammatical errors?*
*Were there glaring typos?*
*Was the paper legible?*
*Were key terms defined before introduced?*
*Were citations used in a proper fashion?*

**_____/20 total points**

**Literature Review**

Presentation

*How successful was the author in articulating the debate between scholars?*
*Did the author fairly present all sides of the argument?*

Effectiveness

*How well did the author demonstrate limitations within the current research?*
*Were enough sources cited that the themes or the debate were clear?*
*Were enough sources cited that it become clear this is important debate?*
*How successful was the author in relating the literature to the authors' research question?*
*How successful was the author in articulating limitations within the current research?*

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**Theory**

Presentation

*Did the author clearly state his/her theory?*
*Were relevant opposing views considered?*

Effectiveness

*How successful was the author in justifying his/her their position?*
*Was the theory testable?*
*How successful was the author in tying the literature to the authors' theory?*

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**Methods**

Presentation

*Was the hypothesis clearly stated?*
*What data should the author use?*
*What is the dependent variable?*
*What is the independent variable?*
*What control variables should the author consider?*

Effectiveness

*Did the author adequately explain the expected relationship between the authors' key independent and dependent variables?*
*Was the choice of the dependent and independent variables well-justified?*
*Did the author convincingly tie his hypothesis with the theory?*

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**Conclusion**

Presentation

*Was it appropriate given the proposed analysis?*
*Were relevant opposing views considered adequately?*
*Were potential limitations discussed?*

Effectiveness

*Did the author relate the conclusion to the larger debate?*
*Were appropriate normative policy recommendations considered?*

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