

Assignment #1

One of the challenges we face as citizens is deciding what to think about newly emerging issues and legislation. For our first written assignment, I want you to select a political issue that is of interest to you and explore it further. Research your topic and write a short paper (3-5 of text) that outlines the following:

1. History of Issue.

What is the political history of the issue you are exploring? Why is your issue currently of relevance? What current efforts are being made to legislate your issue?

2. Pros and Cons.

Explore the positives and negatives of both sides of your issue. I really want you to explore both sides of your issue, not just the side you like the best. Citing relevant facts, figures, and statistics is encouraged.

3. Your Position.

Weigh the pros and cons of your issue and make an argument for which side of the issue you find most compelling. Be sure to justify your decision.

The assignment will be graded based on its overall quality. Quality and quantity of references, clarity of writing, organization, and grammar will all be considered. You may cite your references any way you would like (endnotes/footnotes, MLA/AP, etc.) as long as you are consistent in citing the materials used in your paper.

Let me know if you have any questions.